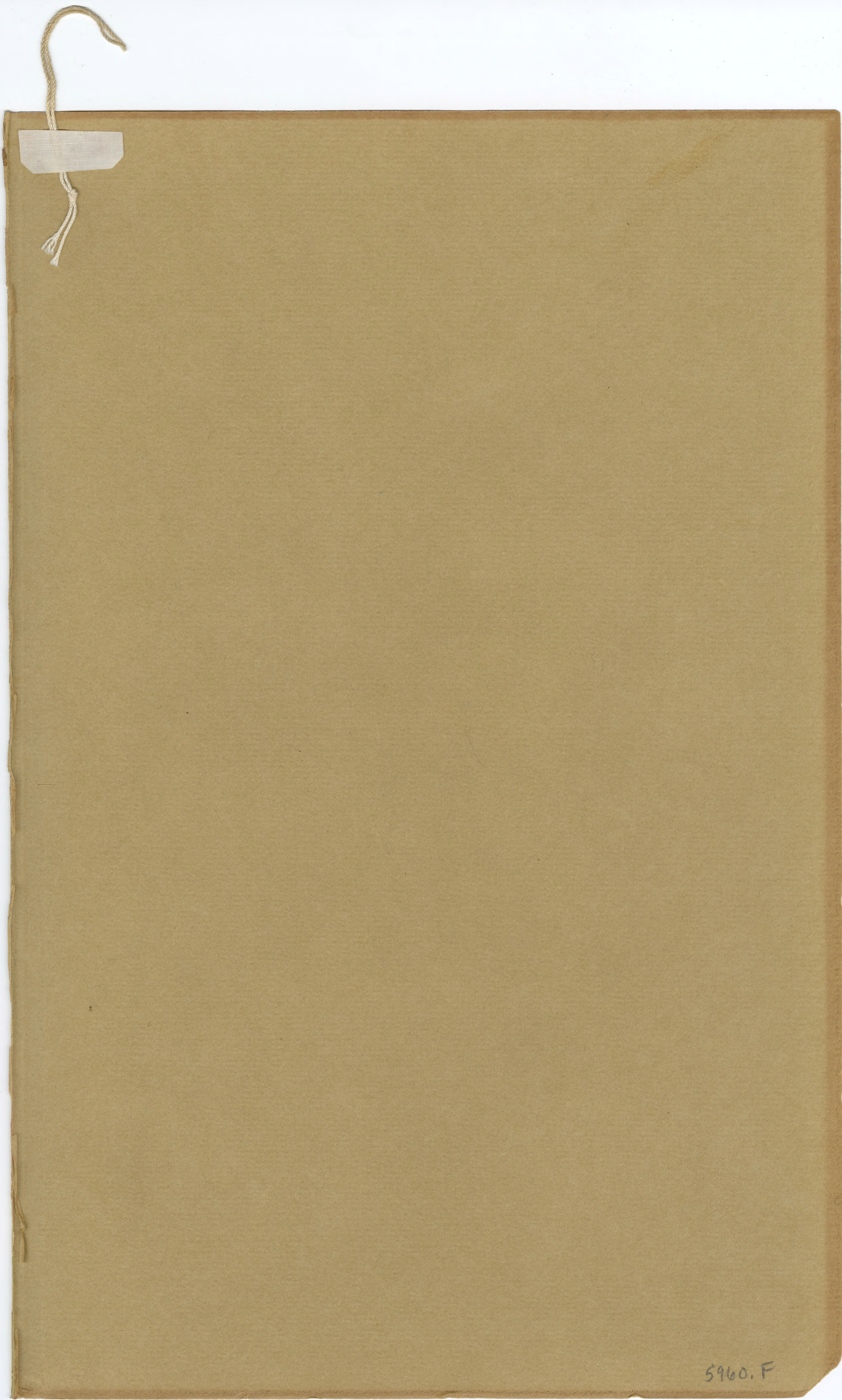
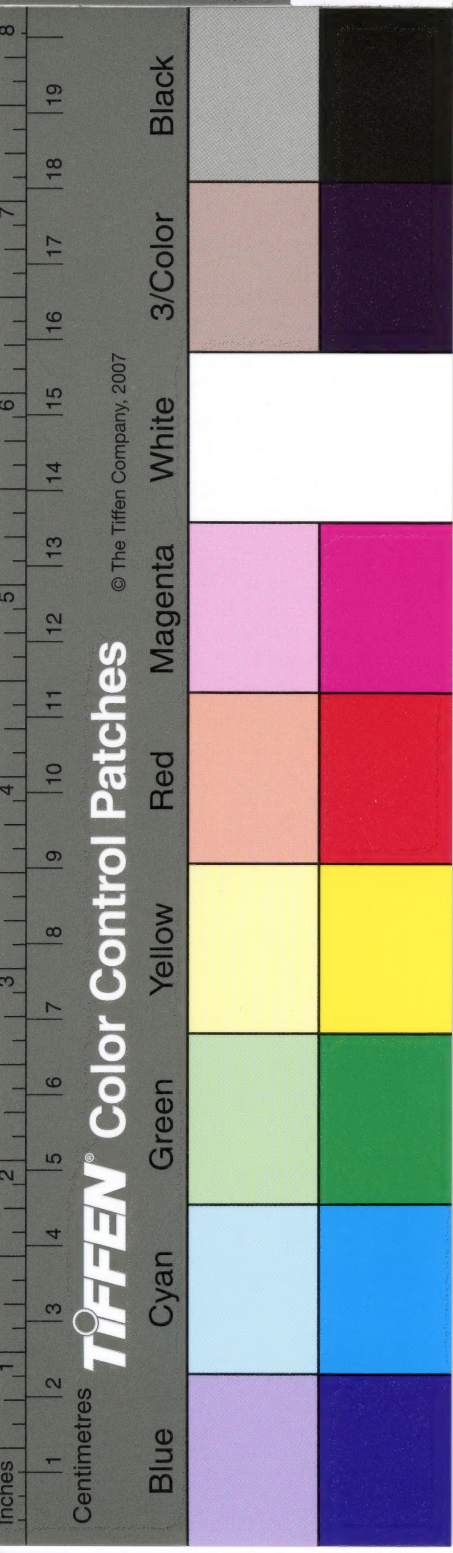
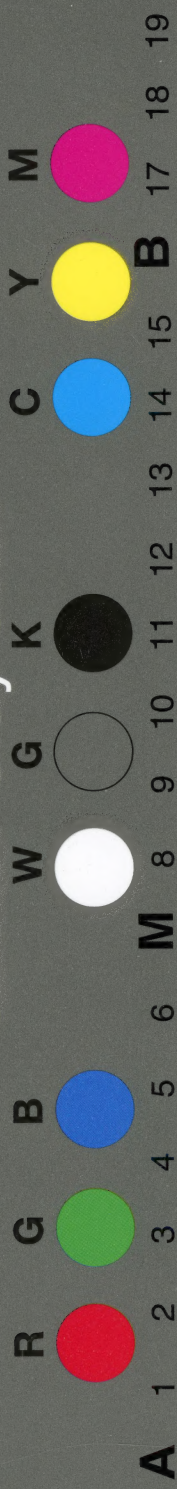


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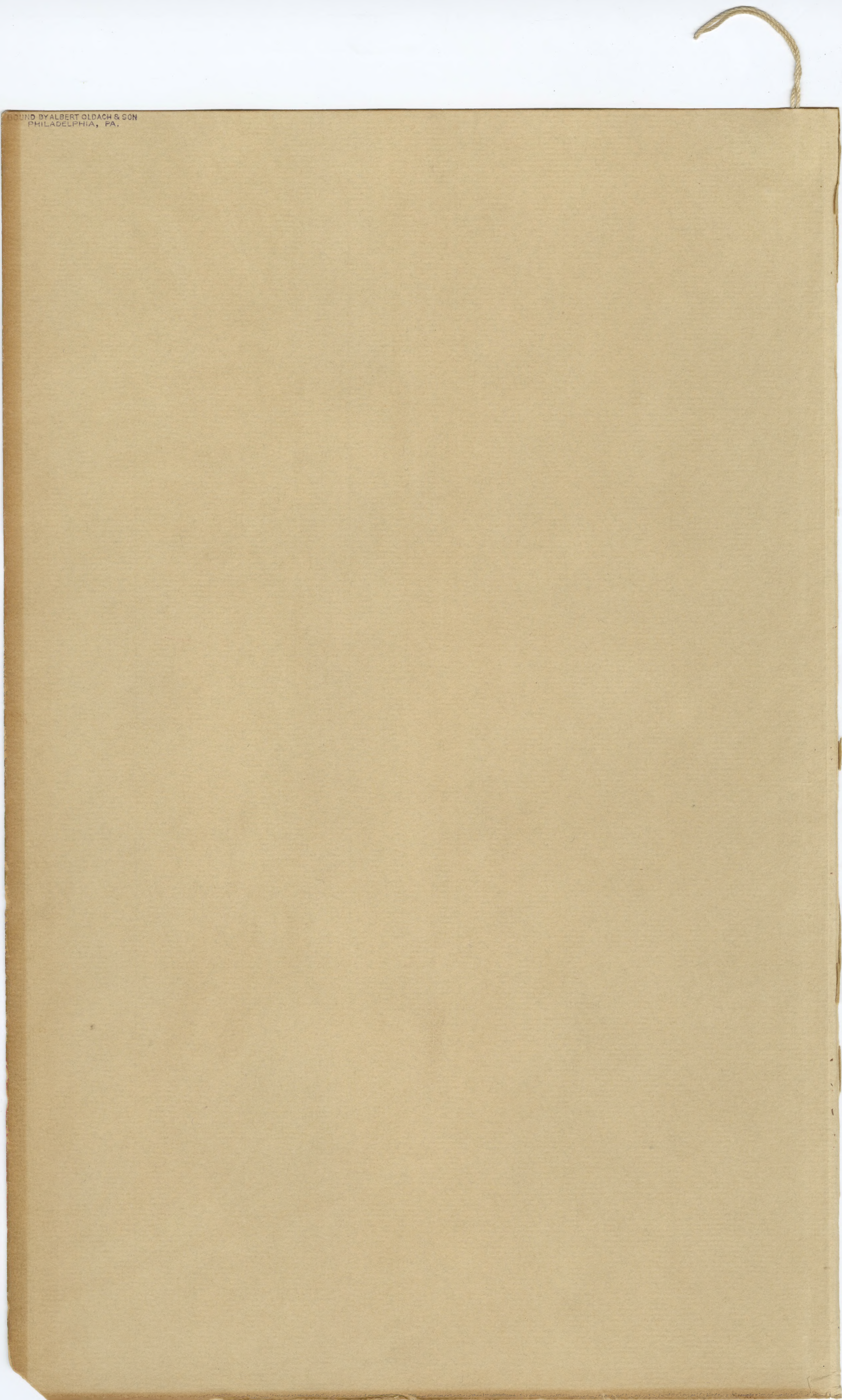
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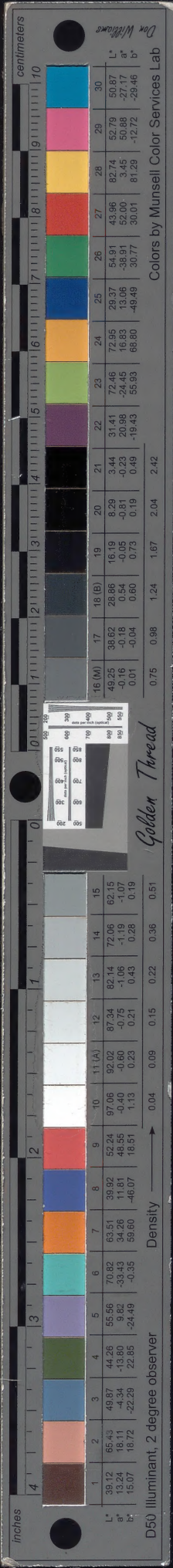
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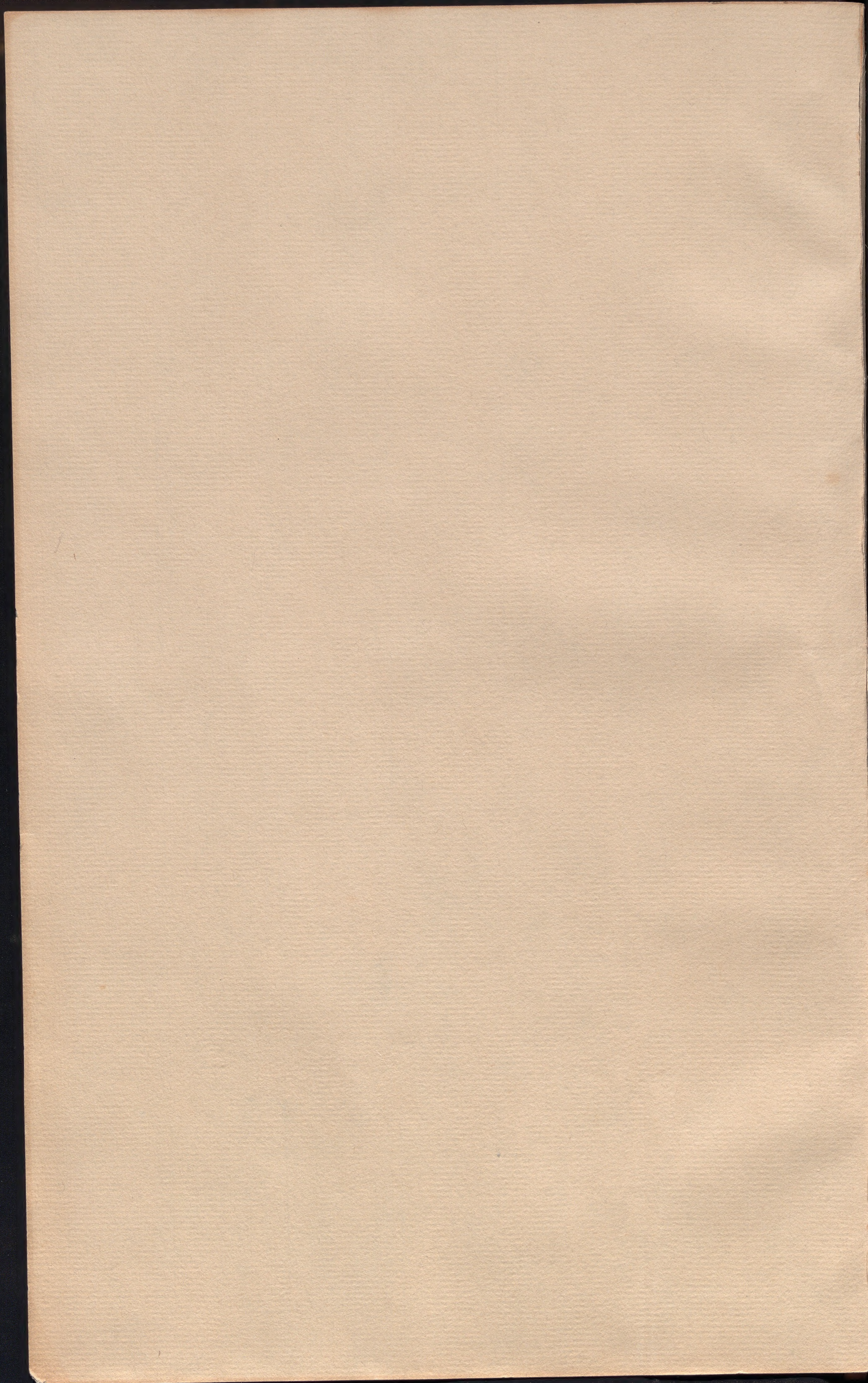
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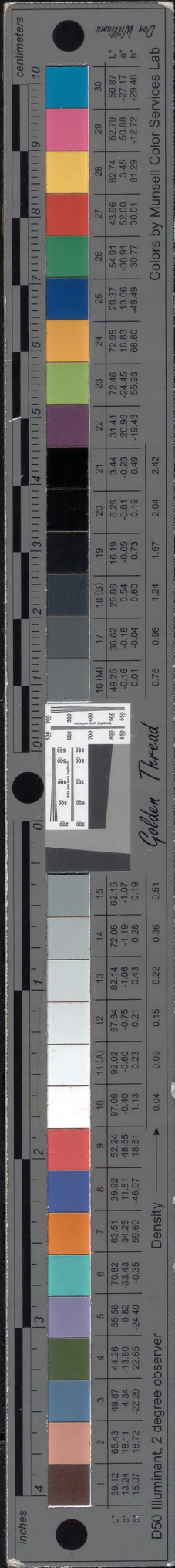


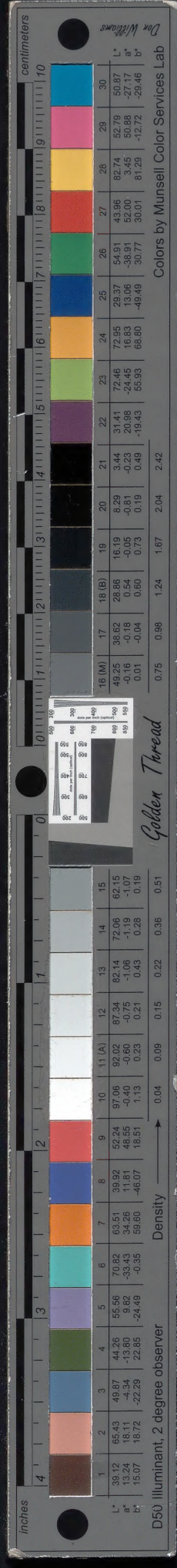
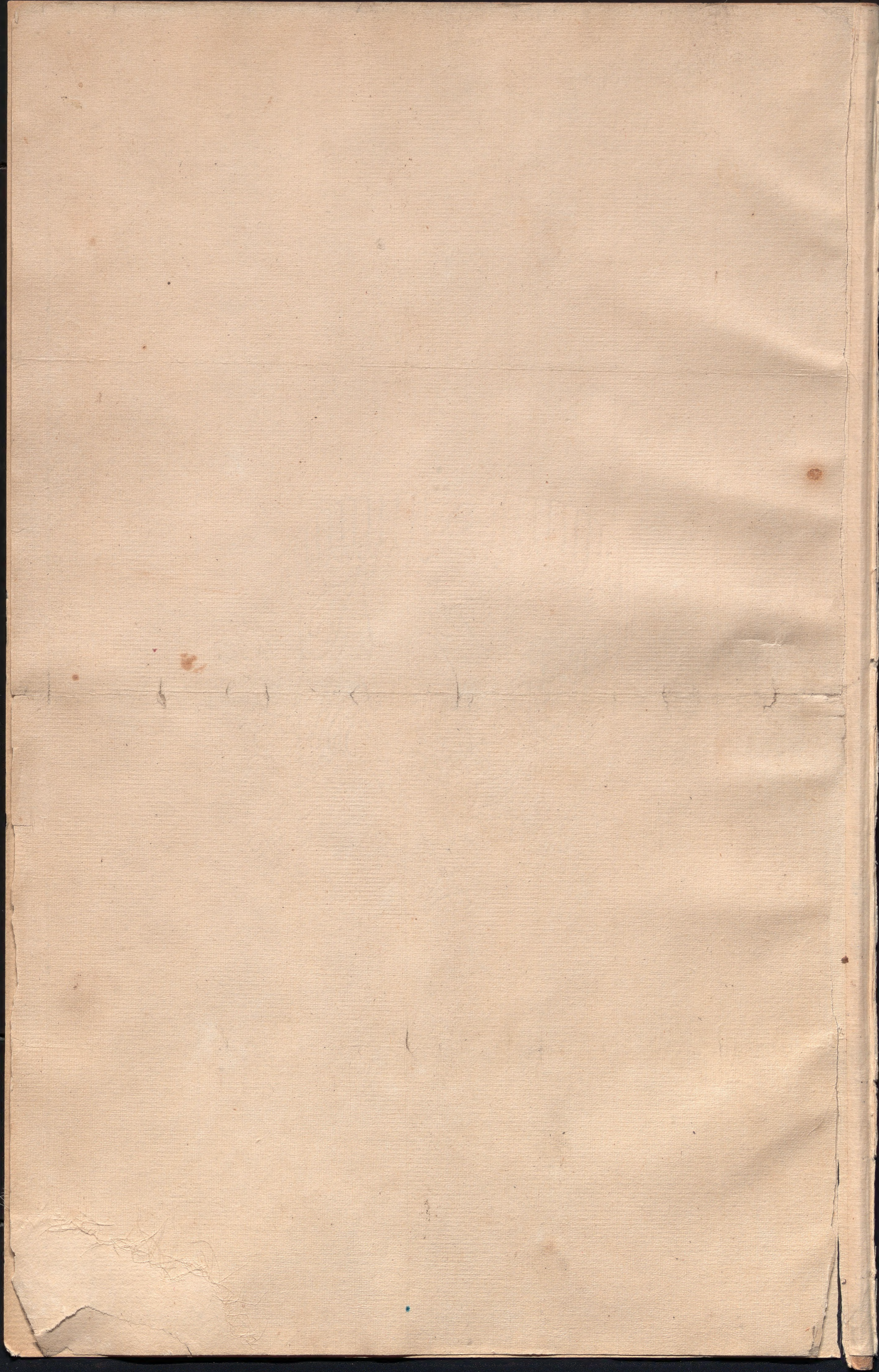
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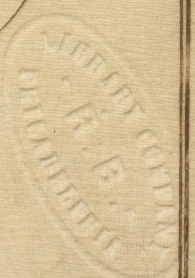
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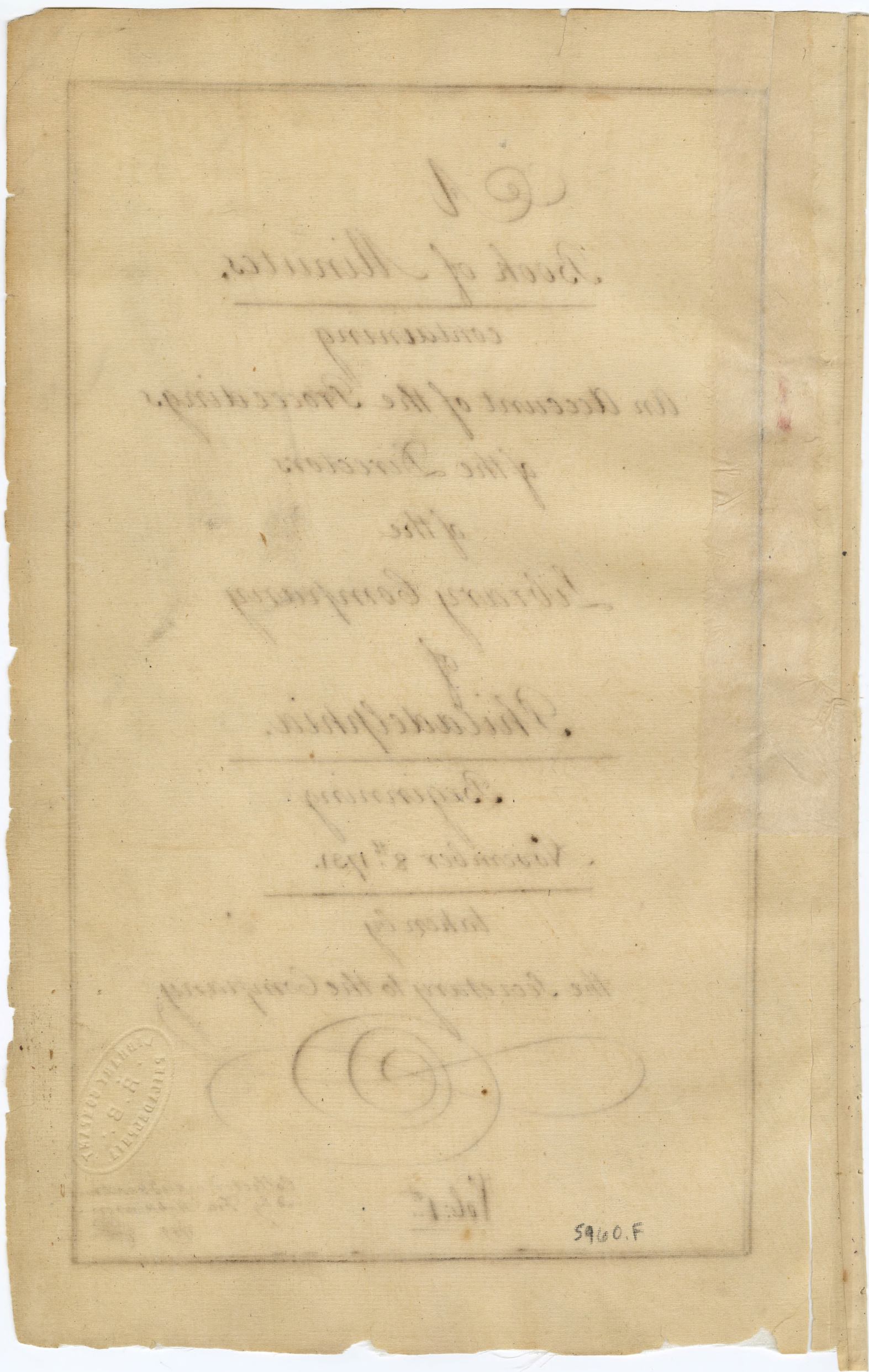
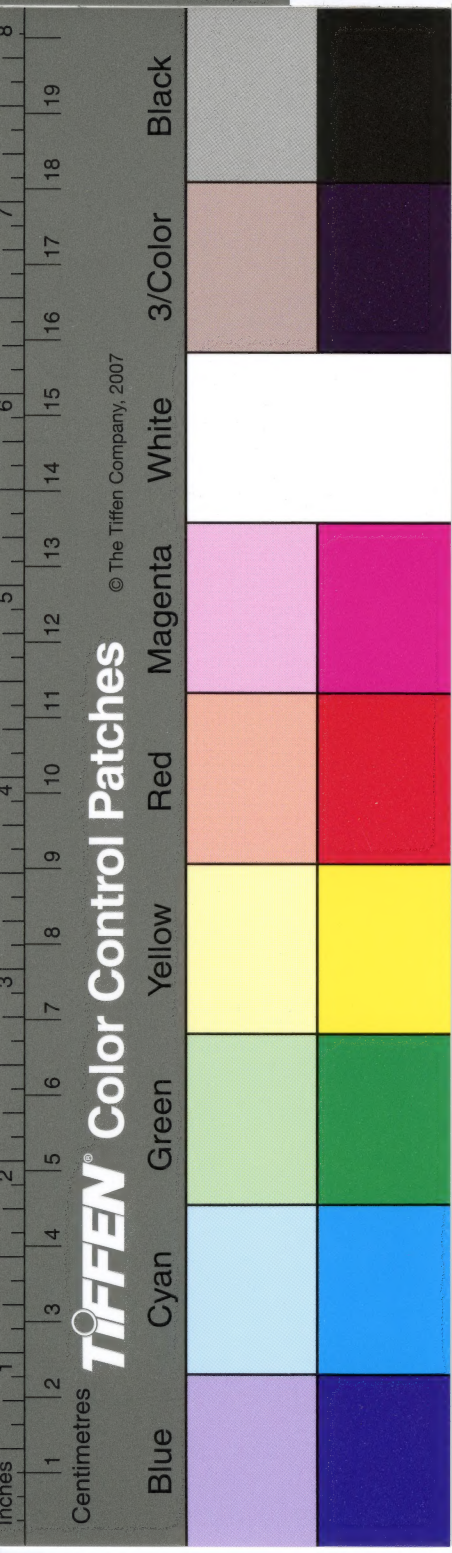
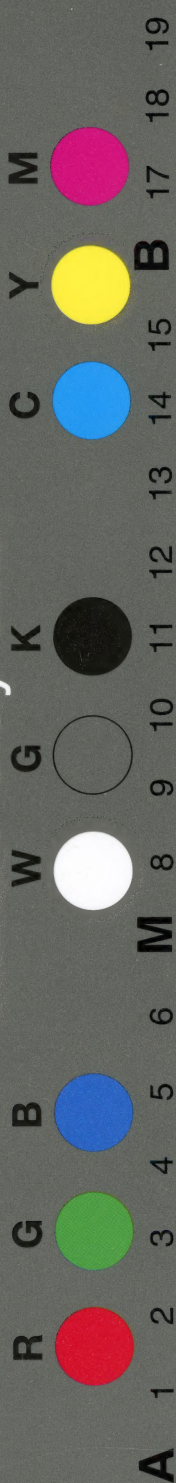
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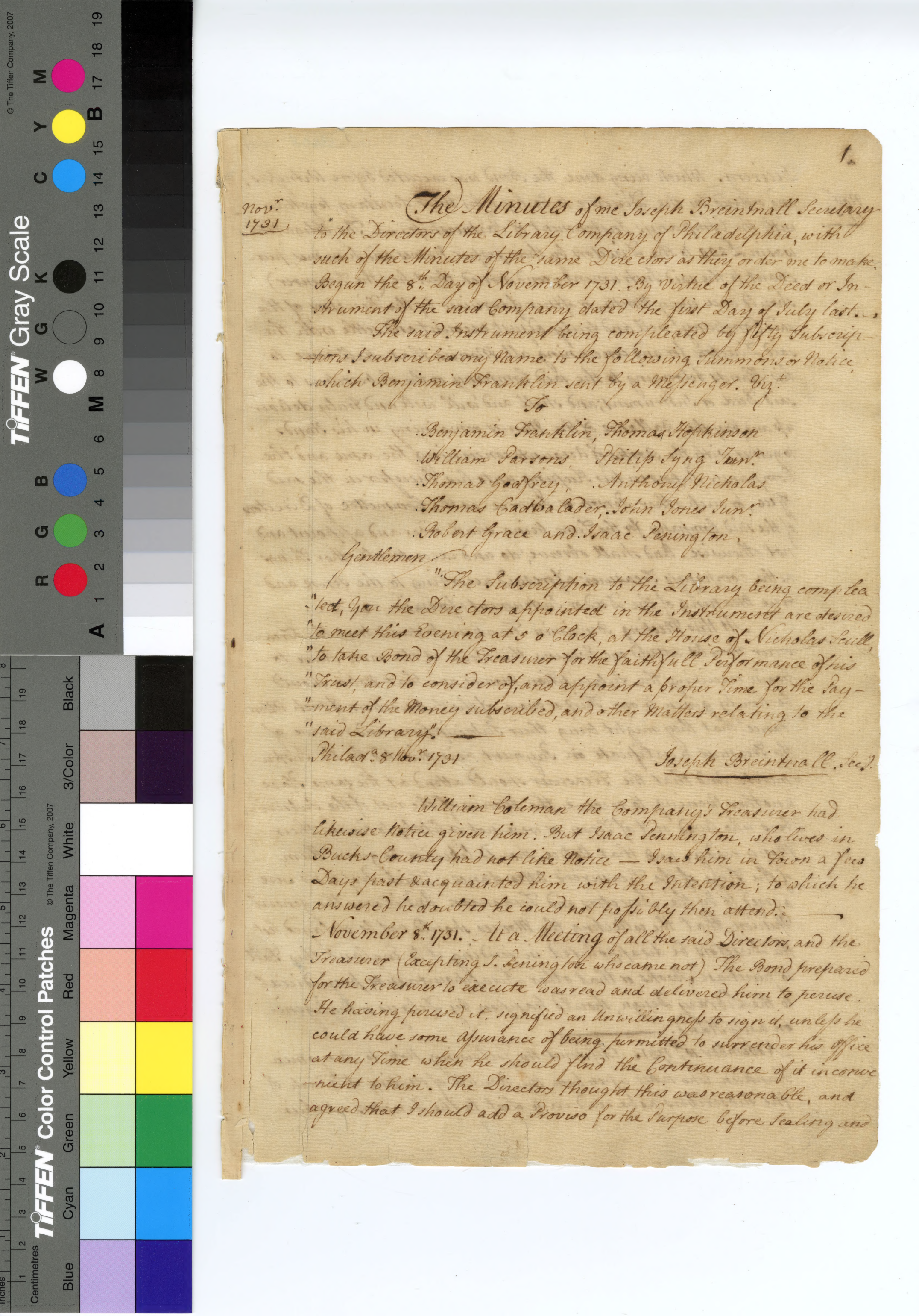
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ed by Fra.^s Hopkinson
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*The Minutes of me Joseph Breintnall Secretary
to the Directors of the Library Company of Philadelphia, with
such of the Minutes of the same Directors as they order me to make.
Begun the 8th Day of November 1731. By Virtue of the Deed or In-
strument of the said Company dated the first Day of July last.
The said Instrument being completed by fifty Subscrip-
tions I subscribed my Name to the following Summons or Notice,
which Benjamin Franklin sent by a Messenger. Viz.*

To

*Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Hopkinson
William Parsons, Philip Syng Penn.
Thomas Godfrey, Anthony Nicholas
Thomas Cadwalader, John Jones Junr.
Robert Grace and Isaac Pennington*

Gentlemen

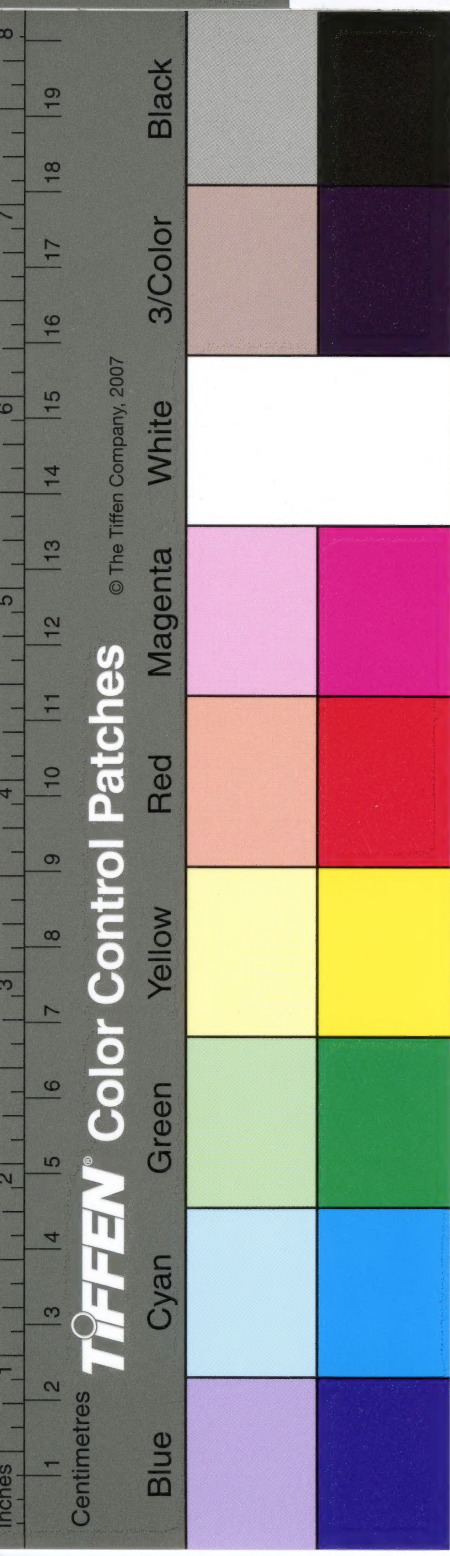
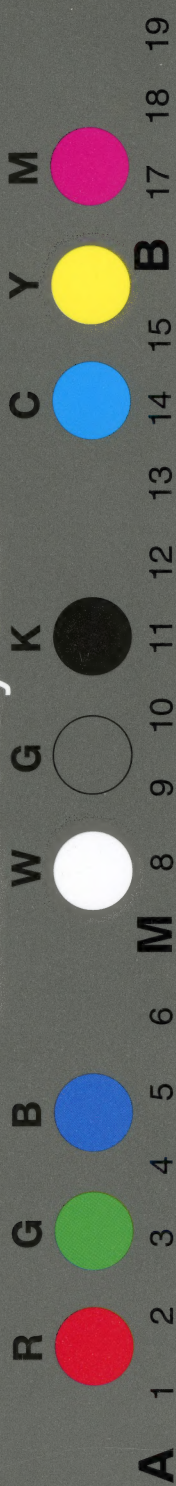
*"The Subscription to the Library being complea-
ted, you the Directors appointed in the Instrument are desired
to meet this Evening at 5 o'Clock, at the House of Nicholas Scull,
to take Bond of the Treasurer for the faithful Performance of his
Trust, and to consider of, and appoint a proper Time for the Pay-
ment of the Money subscribed, and other Matters relating to the
said Library."*

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Joseph Breintnall Secy

*William Coleman the Company's Treasurer had
likewise Notice given him. But Isaac Pennington, who lives in
Bucks-Country had not like Notice — Isaac him in Town a few
Days past acquainted him with the Intention; to which he
answered he doubted he could not possibly then attend.*

*November 8th 1731. At a Meeting of all the said Directors, and the
Treasurer (Excepting I. Pennington who came not) The Bond prepared
for the Treasurer to execute was read and delivered him to peruse.
He having perused it, signified an Unwillingness to sign it, unless he
could have some Assurance of being permitted to surrender his Office
at any Time when he should find the Continuance of it inconve-
nient to him. The Directors thought this was reasonable, and
agreed that I should add a Proviso for the Purpose before Sealing and*



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Delivery. Which being done, the Bond was executed before Witnesses, and ordered by the Directors to be kept by their Secretary, together with the Company's Instrument of Partnership. — The obligation was in £200 to the Directors by their proper Names and Signatures, pursuant to the said Instrument; conditioned that he (the Treasurer) should once every Month, or oftner if required by the Directors of the said Company, well and truly adjust, account and settle with the said Directors for and concerning all Monies that shall come to his Hands belonging to the said Company or the Subscribers to the said Deed or Instrument; and shall and will well and truly deliver up and pay the Ballance of the Monies remaining in his Hands together with the Books of Accounts concerning the same and the Company's Papers in his Keeping unto his Successor in the said Office, or such other Person or Service as the Committee of Directors of the said Company for the Time being shall order and appoint and not otherwise. And shall observe, do and execute all other Things as the Company's Treasurer aforesaid according to the Sense and true Meaning of the Deed or Instrument aforesaid.

At this Meeting Benjamin Franklin proposed that the Treasurer should attend one Evening this Week at the same House to begin receiving the Subscription Monies, and that Notice should be timely given to one Third or more of the Subscribers, of such Attendance, that they might bring their Subscriptions, and receive of the Treasurer a certificate on Payment, as is directed by the Instrument. And that the Treasurer should attend at the same Place another Evening to receive the Monies of the rest of the Subscribers who lived out of Town or were not so likely to have their Money ready; and that Notice should likewise be given them of the Time of the Treasurer's Attendance. Which Proposals were agreed to by the Directors and Treasurer. And it was the general Opinion that the collecting the Monies should not be delayed, lest the Directors be disappointed in sending it to England this Fall to purchase Books, or that other Disappointments, prejudicial to the Library Design, should happen by Delays or Negligence on any Hand.

November 10th 1731. I delivered the following Note to Benjamin Franklin who takes upon him the Trouble of sending it to such of the Subscribers as he read in a List to the Directors at their



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Meeting. viz! —

Sir.

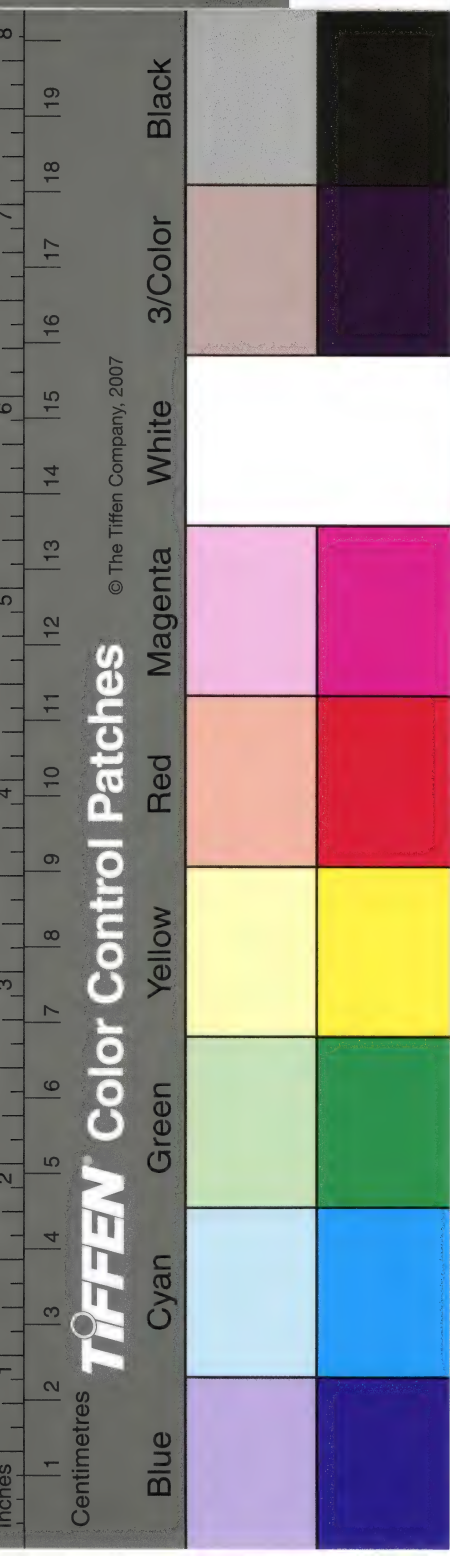
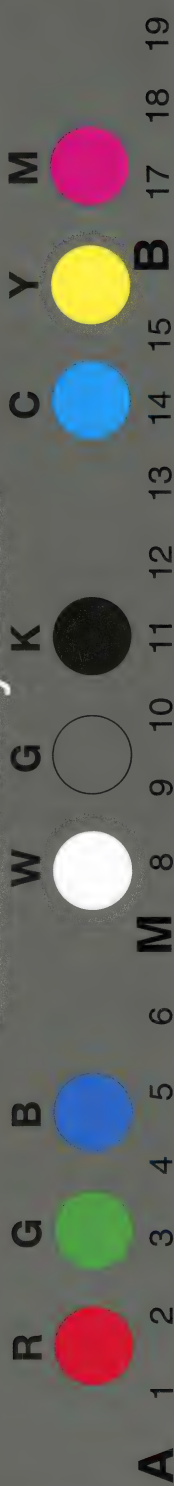
"The Subscription to the Library being fill'd up, and
"Security taken of the Treasurer for the faithful Performance of his
"Trust; according to the Instrument you subscribed; I am to inform
"you, that, by Appointment of the Directors, he gives Attendance
"Tomorrows Evening from Six o'Clock till Nine, at Nicholas Sculls,
"to receive the Subscription Monies, and give each Subscriber who
"pays his Forty Shillings a seal'd Certificate which entitles him a
"Share in the Library. You are therefore desired to make punctual
"Payment, that so useful a Design may meet with no Obstruction,
"but due Encouragement, in the Beginning, and that the Treasurer
"who serves the Company gratis, may have a little Trouble as possi-
"ble".

Your's

Joseph Priestnall Sec^y.

Nov. 10th 1791.

The Messenger whom M. Franklin sent with the next
above Note, thro' some Mistake, acquainted the Persons he spoke with
that this Evening was the Time of the Treasurer's Attendance; of which
Mistake the Treasurer & myself being informed, we met at the Place
appointed, as did some of the Directors; and Joseph Taylor & Rice Peters
being requested, also came to be Witnesses to each Subscriber's acknow-
-ledging his Hand & sealing and delivering the Instrument at the
Time of their paying their Subscriptions. The following ten Persons
appeared, executed the Instrument, and paid to the Treasurer
Forty Shillings a piece, and he accordingly delivered to every of
them a Receipt or Certificate under his Hand and the Company's
Seal. — viz^t Thomas Hopkinson, Robert Grace, Benjamin Franklin,
John Jones Jun^r, Thomas Godfrey, Anthony Nicholas, Philip Lynq^r,
Joseph Stretch, John Lober, and myself. B. Franklin having altered
the Date of my Note of the 10th Instant sent it to near twenty more of
the Subscribers to come this Evening to Nicholas Sculls, where the
Treasurer, my self and two Witnesses attended. The following
Persons paid &c. Joseph Wharton, Richard Stanley, Nicholas Reddish,
~~John~~ Roberts, Charles Read jun^r, Ewan Morgan, Thomas Edwards,
Samuel Hale, David Rush, Francis Richardson, John Nicholas, &
Alexander Patton. And they each of them sealed & acknowledged
their Hands to the Instrument. John Lampino sent his 40s by



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Caleb Copeland, who therefore must execute at another Time — And Mem^r: Thomas Cadwalader on his departing the Province some Days ago paid the Treasurer but had not Time to execute — November 29th 1731. My Paper of Notice to the Subscribers being altered for them to come this Evening to Owen Owens, B. Franklin sent it to those in those in Town who had not yet been warned, and to a few in the Country; and Joseph Taylor being gone from Home I requested Arthur Wells to attend as a Witness in his stead, who with Price Peters came; but Price Lloyd and no other Subscriber paid the Treasurer this Night.

December 13th 1731. At a Meeting of a Committee of Directors, at the House of Nicholas Scull. Present — Benjⁿ Franklin, Thomas Godfrey, Thomas Hopkinson, William Parsons, John Jones Jun^r, Anthony Nicholas, Philip Syng Jun^r, and Robert Grace with William Coleman Treas^r. — 'Twas debated, whether the Subscription Money already received should be sent away for Books by a Ship at New York, bound shortly for England: What Means should be used to collect in what remains outstanding? Who should speak to Charles Brockden to know his Demand for drawing the Instrument of Partnership, in Order for his being speedily paid? And whether another Director should be nominated instead of Thomas Cadwalader, who is gone to Sea; by whose Absence, and Isaac Pennington's living remote in Bucks, it seemed probable that it might sometimes happen a Quorum of Directors would fail to meet together.

And it was agreed, that, as the whole of the Subscriptions together, will be but a small Sum for the purchasing of valuable Books, we should not now send away the Money received. — That the Subscribers who have not paid (a List of whose Names was read) might after further waiting a few Weeks, be advertised to make punctual Payment, or (if they thought fit) relinquish — That B. Franklin should wait on Charles Brockden to know his Charge for the Instrument, and whether he will accept of a Certificate towards it — And that as nothing yet appear'd of greater Consequence to be done by the Directors than what is here minuted, and as no Want of Regard or other particular Obstruction, was foreseen to deter the Directors in Town from duly meeting, so the choosing another in the Room of Thomas Cadwalader



should at present be deferred. — B: Franklin desired the
Dec. 1731 Treasurer to let him have a Certificate for Benjamin Eastburn, who
 had sent to him his the said Benjamin's Subscription Money.

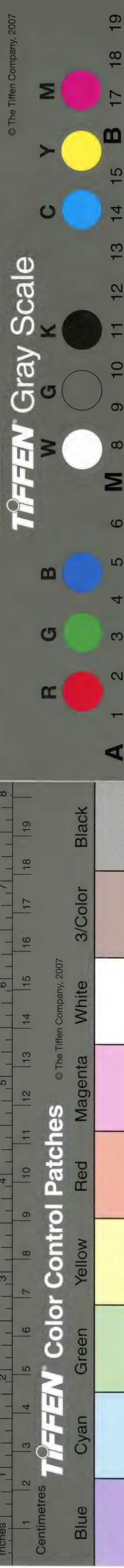
The Committee (having met on the Second Monday of last
 Month, and of the present) adjourned to meet at the same Place on
 the Evening of the second Monday in the next Month.

January 10th 1731. In Pursuance of the Directors Adjourn-
 -ment at last Meeting, only six of them now met Viz. — B: Franklin,
 Thomas Godfrey, Thomas Hopkinson, John Jones, William Parsons and
 Robert Grace, the weather being exceeding cold.

March 20th 1732. There was to Night a Meeting of all the Directors
 (except Thomas Cadwalader and Isaac Pennington) with the
 Treasurer, to confer and see what Perfection this Design could pro-
 bably be brought to against Thomas Hopkinson's going for England,
 which is expected to be within a Week. — It was resolved that
 B: Franklin should to morrow or next Day print a short Note to
 send to each of the Subscribers who had not yet paid, shewing
 that Attendance would be given next Saturday Night at
 Nicholas Scull's, where they were then desired to come and pay
 their Subscription Money or declare their Unwillingness to be
 further concerned. — The Directors agreed together to meet
 the same Saturday Evening, with the Treasurer and Secretary
 that, if any Subscribers relinquished who had not executed the
 Instrument before Witnesses, and paid their 40s the Directors might
 order a proper Minute thereof to be made — And then, or soon as may
 be so many new Subscribers admitted, paying their Money at the
 Time.

March 25th 1732. The Directors, in Town, met with the Treasu-
 -rer and Secret. at Nicholas Scull's, as was agreed at last Meeting.
 B: Franklin having sent a Messenger about with printed Notes
 in these Words Viz. — "Sir. Next Saturday Evening attendance
 "will be given at N: Scull's, to receive the Money subscribed to the
 "Library, of those who have not yet paid; when, you are desired to
 "appear without Fail, either to pay or relinquish; that it may
 "then be known who are and who are not concerned".

The seven following Persons appeared, paid their subscrip-
 -tion Money, and executed the Instrument in Presence of Joseph Taylor



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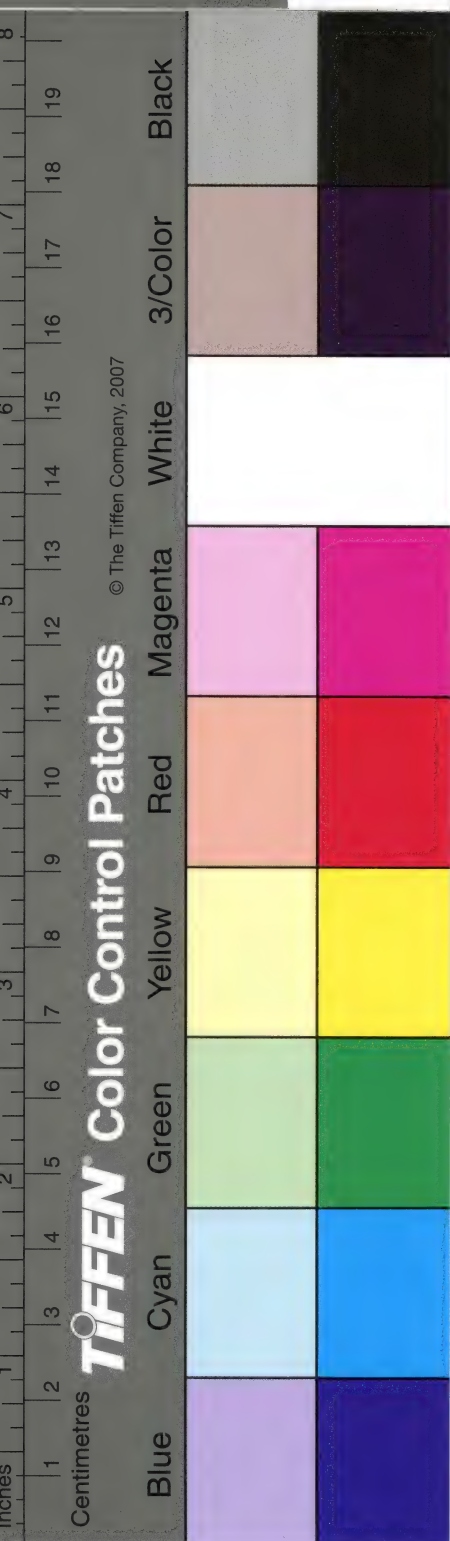
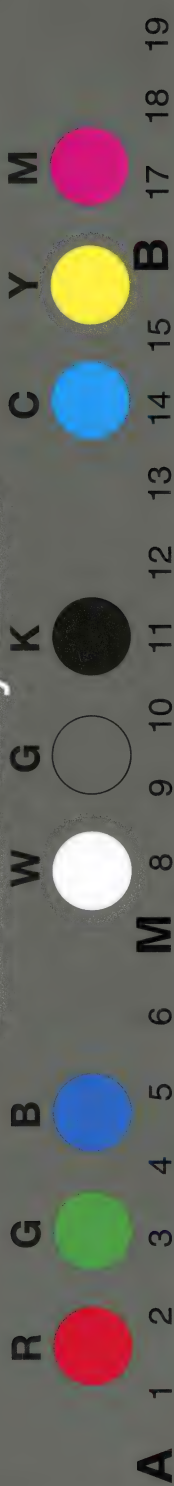
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and Rice Peters, and received Receipts of the Treasurer — Vizt. Jacob Duche, William Mangridge, Nicholas Capell, B. Paschall, Thomas Green and William Parsons with Lewis Timothee who was now admitted upon Ephraim Andrew's sending to the Directors in Writing a Declaration of his Mind to relinquish his Subscription, and Isaac Brown's sending the like. —

Robert Grace paid the Subscription Monies of Josiah Rolfe who is gone for Barbados, and of Thomas Potts, and received Certificates for them. — Mem.^o that they execute when they are here again. Joseph Stretch likewise paid for James Fox, who must also execute when he comes to Philadelphia. — The rest of the subscribers, who have not paid, not appearing in Person, nor by Mespage, the Directors agreed to meet again at the same Place next Wednesday Evening to prosecute this Affair. —

March 29th 1732. B. Franklin, William Parsons, Thomas Hopkinson, Thomas Godfrey, Philip Syng, Robert Grace, and Anthony Nicholas Directors, with William Coleman Treasurer met at N. Sculls — Some of the Directors having conferred together since last Meeting and considered that most of the subscribers who had not paid lived out of Town and could not have timely notice, and that it would be for the Interest of all concerned not to neglect sending for some of the Books this Spring (the money collected being considerably above half) thought it was best to meet for a private Conversation. Thomas Godfrey at this Meeting informed us that Mr. Logan had let him know he had heard of this Design and approved of it and would willingly give his Advice in the Choice of the Books. Upon this Information he was desired to return the Thanks of the Committee to Mr. Logan for his generous offer — And the Committee esteem Mr. Logan to be a Gentleman of universal Learning, and the best Judge of Books in these Parts, ordered that Tho.^s Godfrey should wait on him and request him to favour them with a Catalogue of suitable Books against tomorrow Evening. which Thomas Godfrey readily agreed to do. —

March 30th 1732. Tho.^s Godfrey with B. Franklin sat with Mr. Logan till too late when returned to make their Report. The Committee adjourned to meet tomorrow Evening at N. Sculls.



March 31st 1732. The Directors convened at N. Scull's, when Robert Grace to expedite the Affair, offer'd to draw on his Correspondent in London for such a Sum Sterling as would answer the Money in the Treasurer's Hands at 6^s p. C. Advance (the current Rate) and the Directors unanimously agreed to accept his Offer of a Bill on Peter Collinson Mercer in Gracious Street London for 45^l Sterling payable to Thomas Hopkinson. And the Directors having received by Mess^{rs}. Franklin & Godfrey William Logan's Opinion of Books (did (with that and their own) make out a List and delivered it to me to insert in a Letter to be directed to Tho^s. Hopkinson or, in Case of his Death to Peter Collinson; and to be entered in these Minutes with the Letter &c. — I was also directed to draw an Order on the Treasurer Viz^t.

"Pay to Robert Grace £74^l 5^s 0^d for his Bill of Exchange of £45^l Sterl^y. (with 6^s p. C. Advance) drawn on Peter Collinson & payable to Tho^s. Hopkinson to purchase Books in London for the Use of the Library Company of Philadelphia" —

Signed by Tho^s. Godfrey, William Parsons,
Philip Syng P., Benjⁿ. Franklin
Anth^y. Nicholas, Tho^s. Hopkinson

The following is a Copy of the Letter Catalogue &c.
Thomas Hopkinson —

Dear Friend

"As you are equally acquainted
"and concerned with any one of us in the Affair committed to
"your Management, a short Letter will best answer the Occasion.
"You have enclosed Robert Grace's Bill of Exchange on
"Peter Collinson for £45 Sterl^y. to purchase the Books in the
"Catalogue hereunder for the Use of the Library. You will remem-
"ber it has been concluded on that to buy as many as you can
"of them unbound will for several Reasons be our Interest.
"To get the best of every Sort, and how to be assisted in it, has been fully
"talked of, and we will only enjoin us to fail to insure what you
"ship.

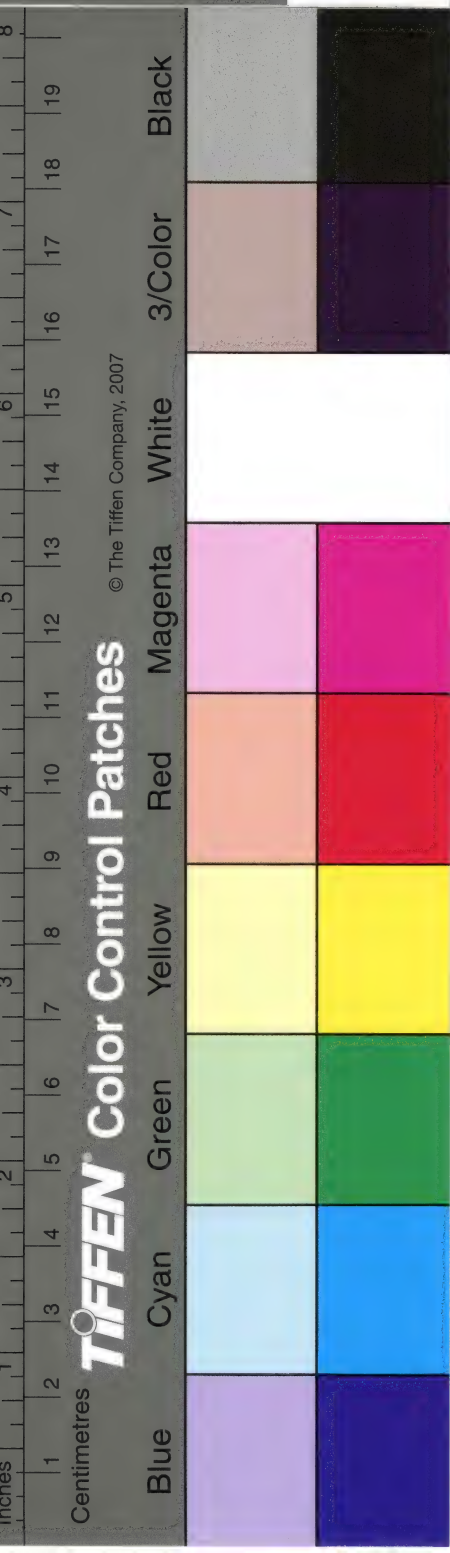
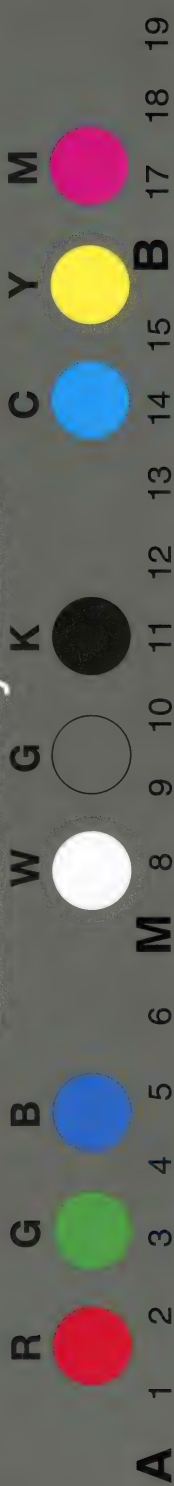
"We cannot be exact in the Prices and therefore know not
"which may exceed, the Money or the Catalogue; if there be Money
"left, after incidental Charges and Commissions are deducted, you

March 1792 "are to lay it out in suitable Books at your own Discretion
 "Take a Bill of Lading for them as on the proper account and
 "Risue of the Library Company of Philadelphia consigned to
 "William Coleman, and in his absence, to Robert Grace. And
 "send them by the first good Opportunity." —

Catalogue of Books.

Puffendorfs Introdu. ⁿ 8 ^o	Hayes upon Fluxions
Dr. Howells History of ^{the} World 3 Vol. 8 ^o	Keils Astronomical Lectures
Rapins History of England. 12 Vol. 8 ^o	Drakes Anatomy
Salmonis Modern History —	Sidney on Government
Vertots Revolutions —	Cato's Letters
Plutarch's Lives in small Vol.	Sieurs Du Port Royal Mor. ^l Essays
Stanleys Lives of ^{the} Philosophers.	Crousays Art of Thinking
Annals of Tacitus by Gordon	Spectators
Collection of Voyages 6 Vol.	Guardians
Atlas Geogra. 5 Vol. 4 ^{to}	Tatlers
Gordons Grammar —	Puffendorfs Law of Nature &c
Brightlands Engl. Grammar.	Addison's Works in 12 ^{mo}
Greenwoods D. ^o —	Memorable Things of Socrates
Johnson's History of Animals.	Turkish Spy
Architect. by And. ^o Palladio.	Abridgm ^t . of Phil. Trans. 5 Vol. 4 ^{to}
Evelyns Parallel of the ancient.	Gravesends Nat. Philos. 2 Vol. 8 ^o
and moder Architecture.	Boerhaaves Chymistry
Bradleys Improv ^t . of Husbandry.	The compleat Tradesman
and his other Books of Gardening.	Baileys Dictionary — the best —
Perkinson's Herbal.	Homer's Iliad & Odg. & &c
Helvicus's Chronology.	Bayle's Critical Dictionary
Wood's Institutes.	Dryden's Virgil
Dechalls Euclid	Ozanamis Course of Mathem. 5 Vol.
L'Hospital's Conic sections 4 ^{to}	Catalogues.

Thomas Godfrey
 William Parsons
 Philip Syngden.ⁿ
 Ben: Franklin
 Anthony Nicholas
 Robert Grace.



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The Directors the better to secure the Money and Books in Case of Thomas Hopkinson's Death or other Incapacity or Misfortune underwrit to Peter Collinson as follows Vlyt.

Friend Peter Collinson

If by the Death of Thomas Hopkinson, or his Direction the foregoing Letter and Bill inclosed should come to your Hand we desire you to negotiate the above Affair according to the Orders given him by

Your Friends

Signed as above

Mem. The Bill of Exchange (the first of the Sett) was inclosed in the Letter and the Letter sealed, and delivered to Thomas Hopkinson who departed the 3^d of April for his Voyage to England in the Brig^t Eagle Capt. Samuel Tanna

April 7th 1732. James Fox being in Town, I got him to seal & and deliver the Instrument in Presence of Rice Peter & J^r. Taylor

April 12th. Mem. Isaac Penington paid the Treasurer 40/ Subscrip- tion Money and had a certificate. He & W^m Coleman, executed 7th 10th of Nov.

Thomas Potts executed in Presence of J. Taylor & R. Peters he paid his Subscription Money and received a Certificate of the Treasurer the 29th of March.

April 24th. At a Meeting of Directors Present. Ben: Franklin Tho: Godfrey, Philip Syng Lun: John Jones j^r. Robert Grace, Anthony Nicholas and W^m Parsons. — It was considered, & ordered to be minuted, that M^r. Charles Brockden having generously presented the Library Company of Philadelphia with the Instrument he drew for them, containing their original Constitutions, the Directors have this Night agreed by some Means to shew their grateful Acknowledge- ments of this and other Favours, and accordingly have unanimous- ly resolved (by Virtue of the Power with which they are invested in Behalf of the Company) to make him a Present of his first Payment as a Subscriber, and also of Sixteen Years Freedom of the Company excused and discharged for the said Term of and from the Payment of Ten Shillings a Year, incumbent on the Subscribers to the said Library, And of and from all Forfeitures and Penalties to which the said Subscribers are liable in Default of Payment pursuant to their Instrument of Partnership. — It was also agreed and ordered that a Copy of this Minute be made out and certified by the Secretary, by which M^r. Brockden or his Representatives may claim

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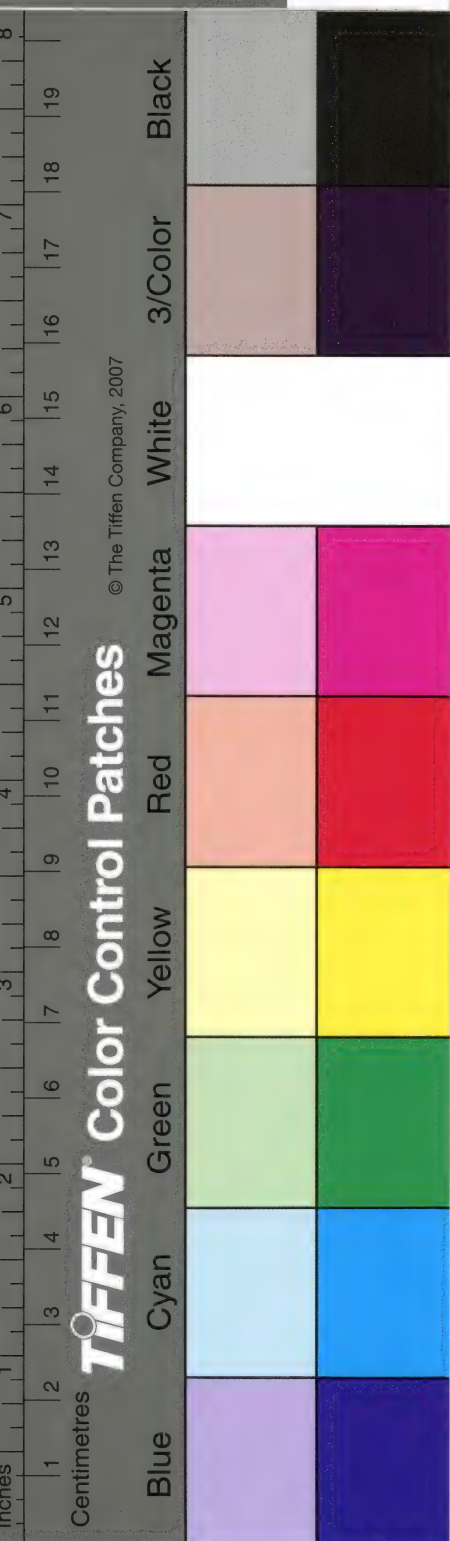
and enjoy the Right hereby presented. —
At this Meeting Joseph Braintnall, Philip Syng, Benj^a Franklin and other Subscribers, who have in the Beginning of this affair been at considerable Trouble and some Expenses, were desired to exhibit their accounts which they generously declined. However the Directors (other than the said B^r. Franklin and Philip Syng in their own Cases) thought it reasonable to insist upon their accepting for some particular services, as follows Viz^t Joseph Braintnall for his Time Trouble & Expence as Clerk to M^r. Brockden, in taking down the rough Draught of the Library Instrument and engrossing it, ~~the~~ Years Freedom of the Company (that is, excused from paying the yearly Payments during that Time) Philip Syng for making and engraving the Company's Seal, two Years like Freedom of the Company — and B^r. Franklin for printing Certificates Advertisements &c. two Years Freedom also — And the Directors have ordered it so to be Witness their Hands

Anthony Nicholas —
William Parsons. —
Thomas Gofrey —
Benj^a Franklin —
Rob^t. Grace —
John Jones Jun^r. —

May 1st 1732. At an amicable Election, at the House of Nicholas Scull, the following Persons were chosen Directors for the ensuing Year Viz^t

Benjamin Franklin, William Parsons,
Thomas Gofrey, Anthony Nicholas,
Robert Grace, John Jones Jun^r.
John Nicholas, Hugh Roberts,
Henry Pratt, William Maugridge. —
And William Coleman Treasurer. —

N.B: Philip Syng declared to several of his Friends before hand, that he had Reasons for desiring them not to vote for him, and tho' he was a hearty Well-Wisher to the Design he certainly could not serve this Year as a Director. —



See the Election Papers (which are preserved) for the Names of the Voters & Persons voted for, & their Numbers &c.

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May. 8th / Hugh Roberts who executed before R. Peters & T. Taylor, the 1st Instant this Evening paid the Treasurer & recd his Certificate.

May. 22nd John Paschall sent his L^o of Subscription by R. Franklin who paid the Treasurer & received of him a Certificate.

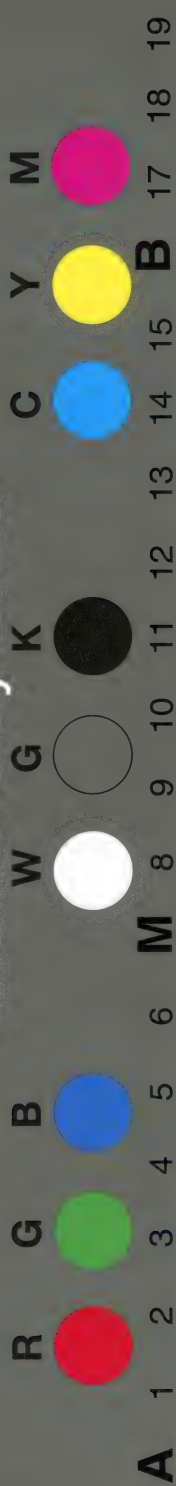
June 12th / There was a Meeting of some of the Directors together with the Treasurer & Secret^y. but not a full Committee.

July 9th The Directors knowing they had not much to do (perhaps this was the Reason, or not remembering the Time of Meeting) there was not a Majority met.

August 14th / This Morning I gave Notice to the Directors, and this Evening all of them (except John Nichols out of Town) met at N. Sculls. — Robert Grace read part of two Letters from Thomas Hopkinson — The first dated from Dover May 13th acquainted the Directors of his Health, and that he would be mindful of the Business committed to him; and the other from London May 20th wherein he informs that M. Grace's Bill of Exchange on Peter Collinson was accepted to be paid according to the Tenor of it and that he hoped to purchase the Books and send them by Capt. Cornock who was to sail in six weeks.

At this Meeting it was consulted and concluded upon that some of the Committee (who undertook it) should speak to their Country Friends, that were Subscribers and had not paid, to get the Money of them or some Notes under their Hands of their relinquishing; and that afterwards (but all as soon as conveniently could be) I should go to the outstanding Subscribers in Town for the like Purpose. — And that some of the Committee (who also undertook it as being best acquainted) should let the two or three Persons who had spoke to them some time ago to be admitted, know that the Directors approved of them and would admit them to subscribe and pay their Subscription Money immediately, if they were still so minded.

Mem^o. The Book into which I transcribed the Library Instrument 2 Months past, and added a Table or Index to it, I laid before the Directors.



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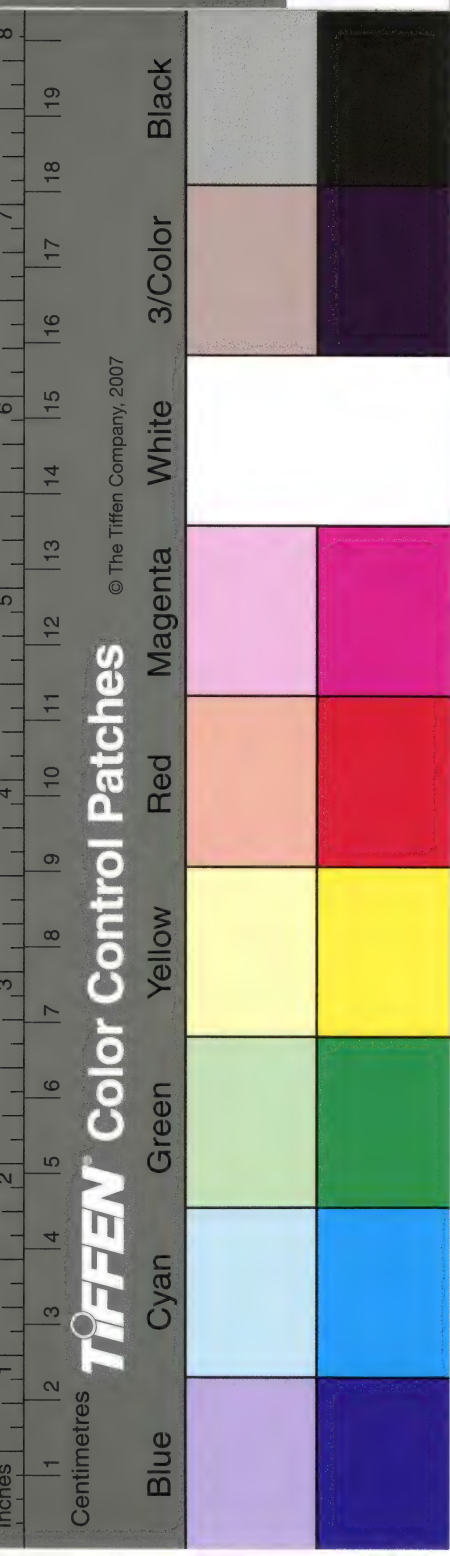
November 14th 1732 Since the foregoing Minute of 14th August there have been several Meetings of a Committee of Directors the last of which was this Evening at the Library Room. Present. B: Franklin, T: Godfrey, A: Nicholas, J. Nicholas, H: Roberts, J. Jones & R: Grace. with the Treasurer and Secretary. — The Transactions of those Meetings were as follows Viz^t. —

B: Franklin informed that George Boone had left with him his 40s Subscription Money — And acquainted the Directors that David French had left with me a Paper directed to them signifying his Mind to be discharged from the Partnership because of the Inconvenience of his distant Abode from Philadelphia —

By Capt Cornock from London the Company's Books arrived the latter End of October, with Letters & Catalogue &c from Tho^s Hopkinson, in good Order. — But some of the Books sent for were omitted, as being out of Print or dear; and others which were cheap and useful added by T. Hopkinson who gives good Reasons for both in the Margin of the Catalogue and in his Letter to me, and informs the Directors he had the Advice of T. Cadwallader & P. Collinson in this Negotiation; and that Peter Collinson had given him great Assistance, and had moreover made the Company a Present of two valuable Books. —

The Books omitted are Howels History of the World, Salmon's modern History, Collection of Voyages, Johnson's History of Animals, Evelyn's Parallel of Architecture, Parkinson's Herbal, Hayes on Fluxions, Cato's Letters, Bradley's Books of Gardening and Bayle's Critical Dictionary. The Books added are, The Hertfordshire Husbandman, Switzer's Gardening Life of Charles the 12th King of Sweden, Allen's Synopsis, Travels of Cyrus, Ray's Wisdom of God, Lay Monastery, Milton's Paradise Lost & Regained, Historia Literaria 16 Pamphlets, Quincy's Physical Lexicon & Philips's Grammar. —

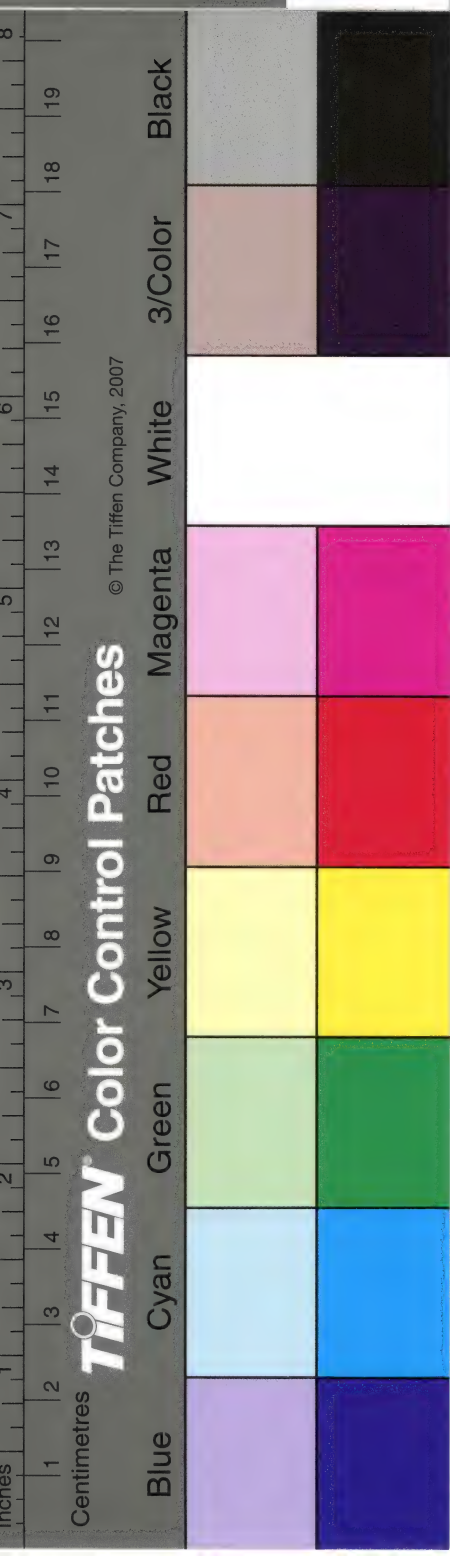
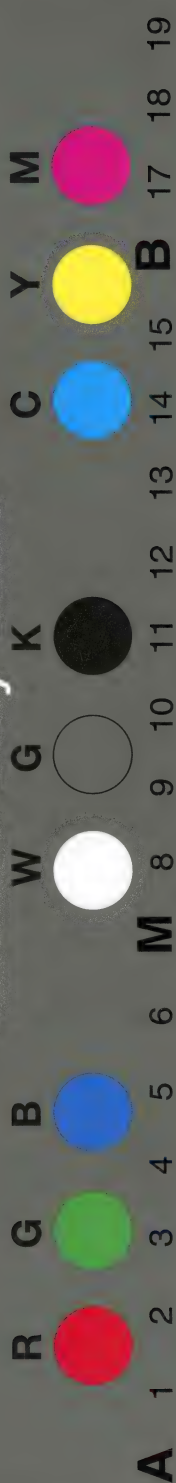
The Directors received with the Books a Letter from Peter Collinson, of which this is a Transcript. —



Nov^r 1732 "Gentlemen. London July 22. 1732.
 "I am a stranger to most of you, but not to
 "your laudable Design to erect a public Library. I beg your
 "acceptance of my Mite - S^r Isaac Newton's Philosophy and
 "Philip Miller's Gardening Dictionary. It will be an Instance of
 "your Candour to accept the Intention and good Will of the
 "Giver, and not regard the Meanness of the Gift -
 "I wish you Success and am
 "with much Respect
 To the Library Company } "Yours
 in Philadelphia. } "Peter Collinson"

Upon the Receipt whereof they ordered a Letter of Thanks
 to be returned him, which B^r Franklin having wrote I copied
 fair and sent - as follows vizt.

"Sir Philadelphia Nov^r 7th 1732.
 "Your Goodness in assisting M^r Hopkinson in the
 "Choice and Purchase of our Books, and the valuable Present
 "you have so generously made us, demand our most grateful
 "Acknowledgements. An Undertaking like ours was as necessa-
 "ry here, as we hope it will be useful; there being no manner of
 "Provision made by the Government for public Education, either
 "in this or the neighbouring Provinces, nor so much as a good
 "Book-Seller's Shop nearer than Boston. Every Encouragement to
 "an Infant Design, by Men of Merit and Consideration, gives new
 "Spirit to the Undertakers, strengthens the Hands of all concerned
 "and greatly tends to secure and establish their Work; Hence, as
 "well as from the noble Knowledge communicated in the Books
 "you have given us, will arise the lasting Obligation we shall find
 "ourselves under to M^r Collinson. We wish you every kind of
 "Happiness and Prosperity, and particularly that you may never
 "want Power nor Opportunity of enjoying that greatest of Pleasures
 "to a Benevolent Mind, the giving Pleasure to others
 "Signed by Order of
 "the Directors of the Library Company
 "of Philadelphia
"Joseph Breintraill Sec^y."



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They also ordered me to write to our Correspondent Thomas Hopkinson and let him know they were pleased with his Management. - The following is a Copy of what I sent him. Viz^t -

"Dear Friend,

Philad^a Nov^r 7th 1732.

"A Week ago I received of Robert Grace your's p^p.
"Cornock dated 27th July last. That Part of it which concerns the
"Library Affair I read to the Directors, who ordered me to acquaint
"you that the Books are come to Hand safe and in good Condition,
"that your Management has given the Directors Satisfaction, and
"is obliging to the whole Company. -

"Pray deliver the enclosed Letter to Peter Collinson 'tis a Re-
"turn of Thanks from the Directors for the Assistance he gave
"you and the handsome Present of two Books to the Library
"Company. I am &c.

"Joseph Breintnall"

The Books were taken to M^r. Grace's Chamber at his House in Jones's Alley, and there placed on the Shelves. -

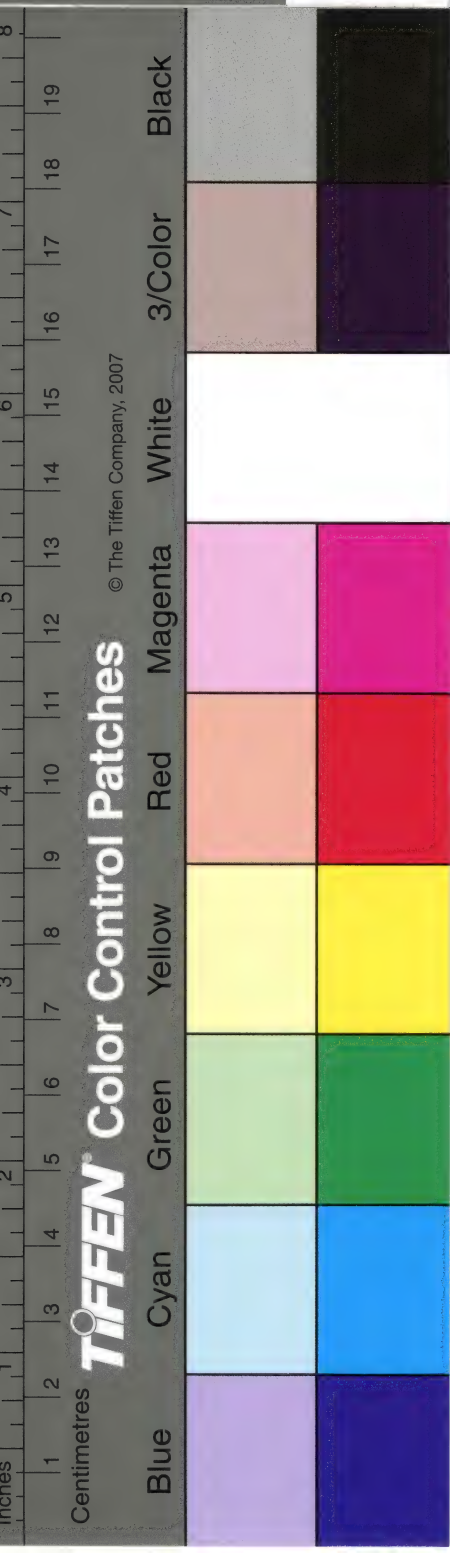
A new Catalogue was made out; in one Column of it the Time each Book or sett of Books was to be lent for, and in another the Value or Sum for which every Borrower should give his Note of Hand to the Librarian. -

Benjamin Franklin undertook to print blank promissary Notes for the Librarian to fill up, and get subscribed by those to whom he lent Books. In these Words Viz^t -

"I promise to pay to Lewis Timothee or his Order, the Sum
"of ----- for Value received. Nevertheless if within -----
"from the Date hereof, I return undespatched to the said Lewis
"Timothee a Book belonging to the Library Company of Phila-
"delphia entitled. ----- which I have now borrowed
"of him this Bill is to be void. Witness my Hand the ----- Day of -----

Orders were agreed to be set up in the Library Room for those Persons to observe who come there to read or borrow Books - and a Blank Space left under to add more Orders occasionally. - The present Orders these - Viz^t -

1st "The Librarian gives Attendance on Wednesday's from
"Two till Three, and on Saturday's from Ten till Four. -



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2^d Each Borrower (besides subscribing a promissary Note) shall promise that he will not lend the Books he borrows to any Person out of his dwelling House. —

3^d If any Borrower returns a Book defaced he shall not have his Note delivered him until the said Book be laid before a Committee of Directors and they have judged the Damages & such Borrower made satisfaction. —

4th If any Borrower offers to return a Book after the Time on which he ought to have returned it he may be permitted to do so on the next Attendance Day after such Time paying to the Librarian One Shilling, or he may return it the next succeeding Day of Attendance paying to the Librarian two Shillings; but not returning it on either of those two Days he shall pay his Note of Hand. —

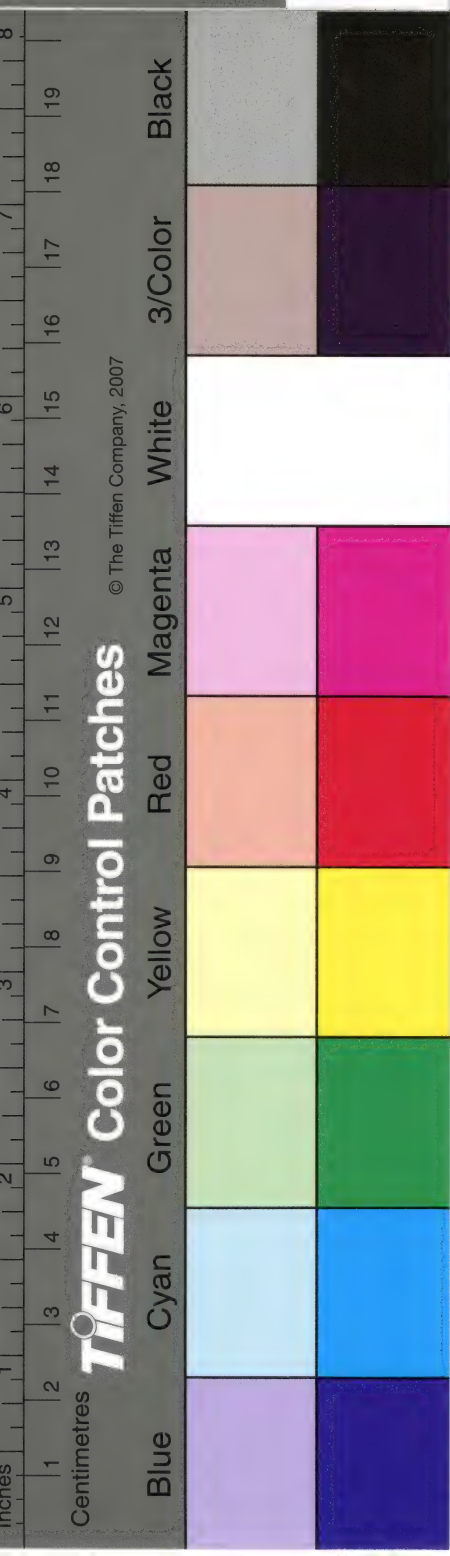
Louis Timothee (who rented the said House of St. Grace) was contracted with to be Librarian. And Articles of Agreement indented were interchangeably signed and sealed by him and a Committee of Directors this present Evening. — The Articles are as follows Viz:

Memorandum of Agreement indented made the 14th Day of November Anno 1732 between Louis Timothee of the City of Philad^a Gentleman of the One Part and B. Franklin, St. Grace, T. Godfrey, W. Man- gridge, Th^o Nicholas, Th^o Jones Esq^r, H. Roberts, Ant^h Nicholas, W. Parsons and Th^o Pratt a Committee of Directors of the Library Company of Philad^a for and on Behalf of the said Company of the other Part. Viz:

" That the said Louis Timothee shall be the Librarian of the said Company for and during the Space of three Months from the Date hereof. —

" That he shall give due Attendance in the Library on Wednesdays from two till three o'Clock, and on Saturdays from the Hour of Ten till Four weekly during the said Term. And may permit any civil Gentleman to peruse the Books of the Library in the Library Room.

" That he shall lend the said Books to such Subscribers as are Members of the said Company as often as any of them shall orderly require the Loan of any Books then in the Library unlent. But shall not lend to, or suffer to be taken out of the Library by any Person who is not a subscribing Member, any of the said Books, M^r James Logan only excepted. — Taking of every Borrower a Promissary Note to pay such a Sum & in such a Time as particularly is set down in the Catalogue of the said Books remaining in



Nov. 1732 his Custody in the Library; which Notes are to become void if
such Borrowers within the Time limited return undelivered to
him the said Louis Timothee the Books so lent & not otherwise.

"That as to the Order of lending the said Books the said
Librarian shall not lend at one Time to any one Person more than
one Book, except such as in the said Catalogue are mentioned
to be lent together — Nor for a longer Time or a less sum pledged
by Note as aforesaid than as in the said Catalogue set down.

"That the said Louis Timothee shall not put any such
promissary Notes as aforesaid (as may become payable) in Suit;
nor assign any of the said Notes without the Order & Direction
of a Majority of the said Committee. And that he shall attend
the said Committee at any of their Meetings to which he is
or shall be warned. —

"And that the said Committee of Directors in Consideration of his the said Louis Timothee's Care & Trouble in the
Premises and for the Use of the Room in his House where the
said Books are reposed shall pay to the said Louis Timothee
at the Expiration of the said three Months the sum of Three
Pounds lawful Money certain and such a further Allowance
as then after such Time of Experience shall by the Parties
here to be thought & concluded on to be a reasonable Reward
In Witness whereof the said Parties to these Presents have
interchangeably set their Hands & Seals hereunto Dated
the Day and Year first above written —
Sealed and delivered in
the Presence of us
Wm. Coleman
Joseph Brintnall."

The said Librarian at the same Time entered into
an Obligation to the Directors by their respective proper Names
and Additions, in the Penalty of £150 Conditioned that if the
said Louis Timothee shall and do well and truly take Care
of and Manage the said Books (the Number of Volumes
being inserted, and the said Agreement briefly recited) pursu-
ant to the said Agreement And that the said Louis Timothee
his Executors & Administrators shall and do when thereunto



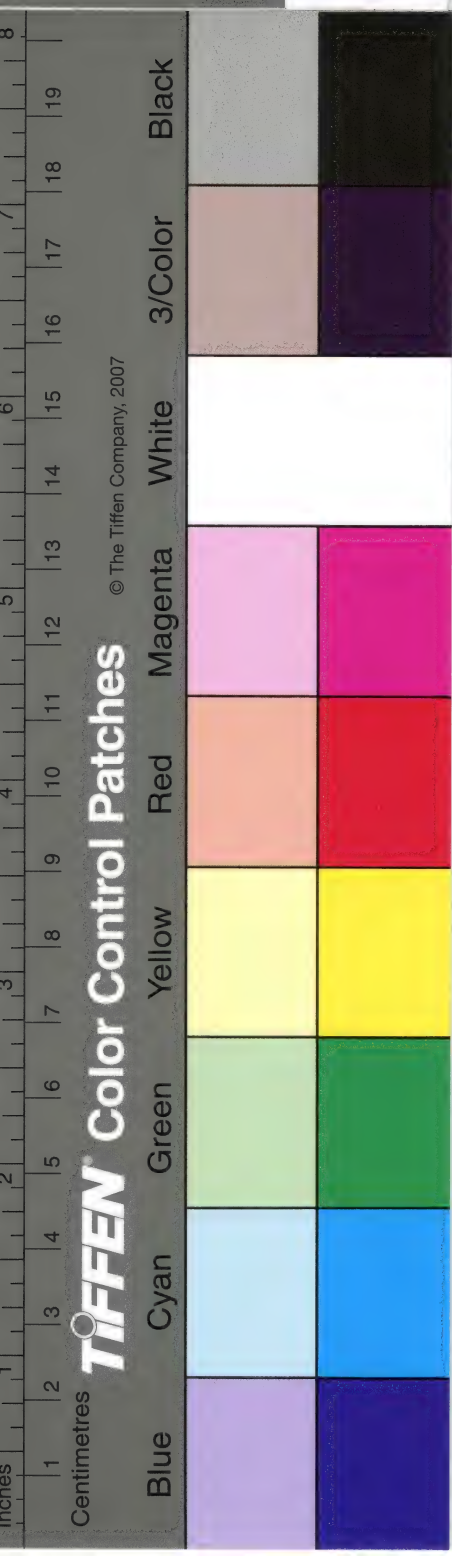
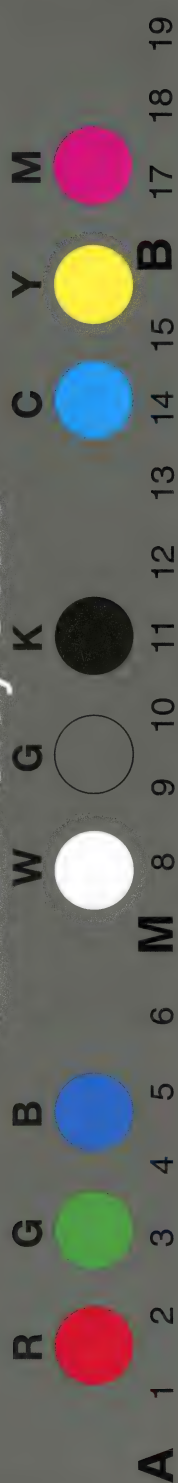
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required by the said B^r Franklin &c yeild up and deliver to the said B^r Franklin &c or to such other Persons who shall be the Directors of the Library Company aforesaid all and every of the said Books or so many of them as are then in the Custody of him the said Louis Timothee his Executors or Administrators And such Sums of Money as are forfeited and recovered from the Persons borrowing and not returning of Books And for the rest, Bills or promissary Notes under the Hands of such Persons as the said Books have been lent to which Bills shall be by the said Louis Timothee his Executors or Administrators indorsed with his or their Names indorsed - Then this Obligation to be void.

The said Librarian being present in the Library Chamber undertook the Custody thereof - And had therewith delivered him the said new Catalogue, and the Copy of the Company's Constitution or Instrument of Partnership to remain in the Library. —

And the Directors at one of those their late Meetings consulted upon the Time for the Subscribers in Partnership to bring in their Annual Payments of Ten Shillings, and concluded that the Month of May on the Day of Election should be the Time to receive such Payments. —

December 11th 1732. — At a Meeting of a Committee of Directors at the Library Chamber - Viz^t B^r Franklin, H. Pratt, H. Roberts; Ant. Nicholas, W. Mangridge, In^r Nicholas & T. Godfrey several Persons were allowed of to subscribe to the Library Instrument who had at several Times applied to some of the Officers to speak for their admittance. — I desired the Time for their subscribing might be the next Thursday Evening (14th Inst.) at the Library Room, when I would attend with the Treasurer and Witnesses; which was approved of, and several of the Directors and myself undertook to give Warning to the Men who had made Application — They were William Rawle, Daniel Harrison, Anthony Lurnis & Edward Evans — The latter comes in the Place of James Fox who being removed to Lewis Town cannot be equally benefitted by the Library and therefore has made an Assignment of his share therein to the said Evans; but not without acquainting some of the Directors with his Intention, & that he hoped the young Man could not be



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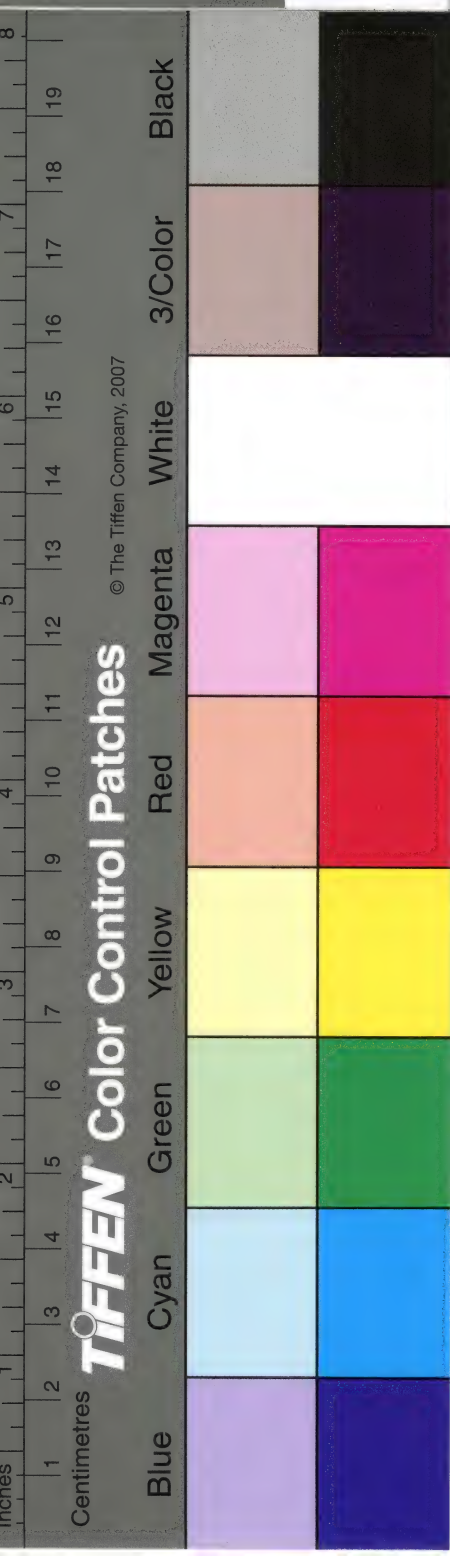
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excepted against, as bearing a clear Character. —
And the said Assignee was given timely to understand that altho' he had such an Assignment he was not thereby entitled to a share in the Library without being approved of by the Directors & subscribing to their Constitution or Instrument of Partnership, to which he answered James Fox had so informed him, and he thought it reasonable. The Directors accordingly have made Enquiry concerning said Evans, who was a Stranger to most of them, and having heard that he is honest and Industrious & regardful of Books they agree to take him into Partnership — N.B. I make this Minute to stand as well for other like Cases that may happen, the Directors fully purposing to admit none without first hearing such a Character of them as may be pleasing to the Company. —

At this Meeting B. Franklin was asked what his Charge was for printing a Catalogue of the Books of the Library for each Subscriber, and his Answer was that he designed them for Presents, and should make no Charge for them. —

December 14th 1732. Pursuant to the Agreement in the Minute next foregoing William Rawle this Evening executed the Company's Deed of their Constitution at the Library in Presence of Joseph Taylor & Rice Peters, paid his 40s and had the Treasurer's Receipt with the Company's Seal affixed. Daniel Harrison was then in like Manner admitted. And Edward Evans at the same Time executed before the same Witnesses (without paying any Sum) having first produced to sight the Treasurer's Receipt or Certificate (given when James Fox's Subscription Money was paid) with an Assignment to the said Evans thereon indorsed, dated the 16th Day of Nov^r last past under the Hand & Seal of the said James Fox & witnessed by Joseph Stretch & Evan Morgan. — Anthony Turnis came not. —

December 16th I got Joseph Taylor & Rice Peters to subscribe their Names as Witnesses, in the Library Instrument, to the sealing & Delivery thereof, by all the Members who have executed in their Presence, being in Number 38, according to a List kept by the said Witnesses, & according to the several foregoing Minutes. — The Subscribers who have paid their 40s-a-piece and have not yet acknowledged their



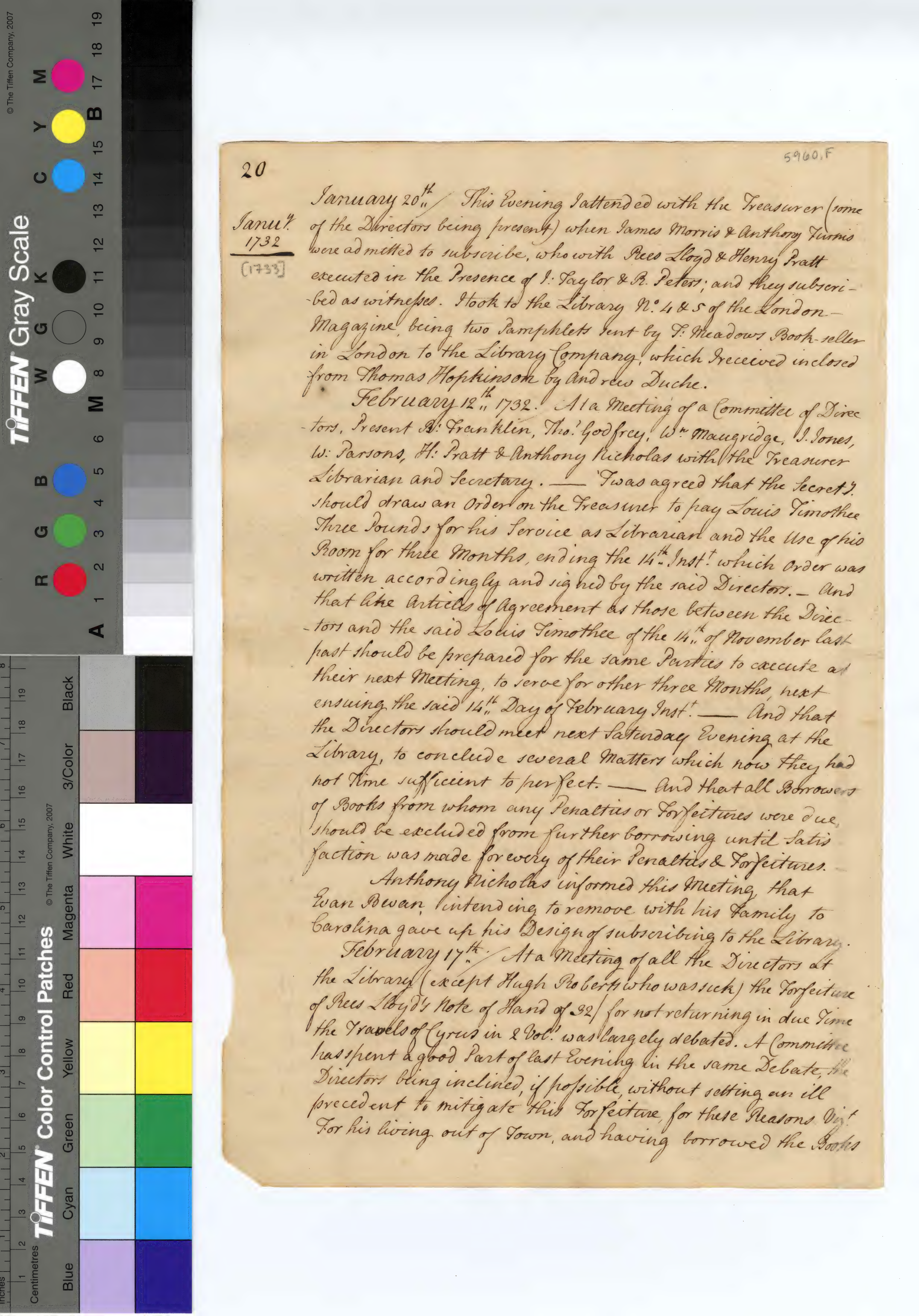
Dec^r 1732 Hands, and sealed before Witnesses, I shall get to do it as I shall have Opportunity. Mem^o: Joseph Taylor being from Home the 29th Nov^r 1731 when Pres Loyd paid and executed, Arthur Wells and Rice Peters were the Witnesses, but were not desired to subscribe their Names as Witnesses; Therefore (Arthur being deceased) I must remember to have Pres Loyd execute again

Mem^o: The Treasurer informs me Henry Pratt paid his 40/ on the 30th of March last, and that B^r Franklin paid George Boones 40/ the 14th of Nov^r & that he delivered for both sealed Receipts as usual — These two have not yet executed — And the other Members that have paid and are yet to execute are Thomas Cadwalader, John Tompkins, Benjⁿ Eastburn, Josiah Rolfe & John Pascheall. —

January 8th 1732. At this Meeting, Present B^r Franklin, T. Godfrey, W. Parsons, H. Roberts, Rob^t Grace, Ant^o Nicholas, W^m Maugridge & Henry Pratt, it was resolved that the Books of the Library should be covered with sheathing Paper & that Stephen Potts should be spoke to, to do it, for Preservation of the binding.

That Tho^s Godfrey Hugh Roberts & myself should meet (with as many of the Directors as should please to come) at the Library Room next Saturday Evening to peruse the Catalogue and enlarge the Time set for the Borrowers of Books to return them in, the Librarian having first informed the Committee that several Persons in Town have complained of the Shortness of the Time, and several of the Directors having considered that Subscribers who live out of Town will yet find it more inconvenient, and be deterred from borrowing for Fear of forfeiting their Notes. — And that if Evan Bewan & James Morris apply to me before the next Meeting I should admit them to subscribe on paying the Treasurer. —

January 13th. A Majority of the Directors met, and the Persons appointed at the Meeting of the 8th Inst^t: who together perused and considered the Library Catalogue (in the Margin where of the Time is figured for which every Book or Set of Books is to be lent) and enlarged the Time for most of them, that Borrowers who live in the Country and those who have not Leisure to read much at a Time, may have no Reason to complain of their being disregarded by the Directors, nor in Danger of forfeiting their Notes. —



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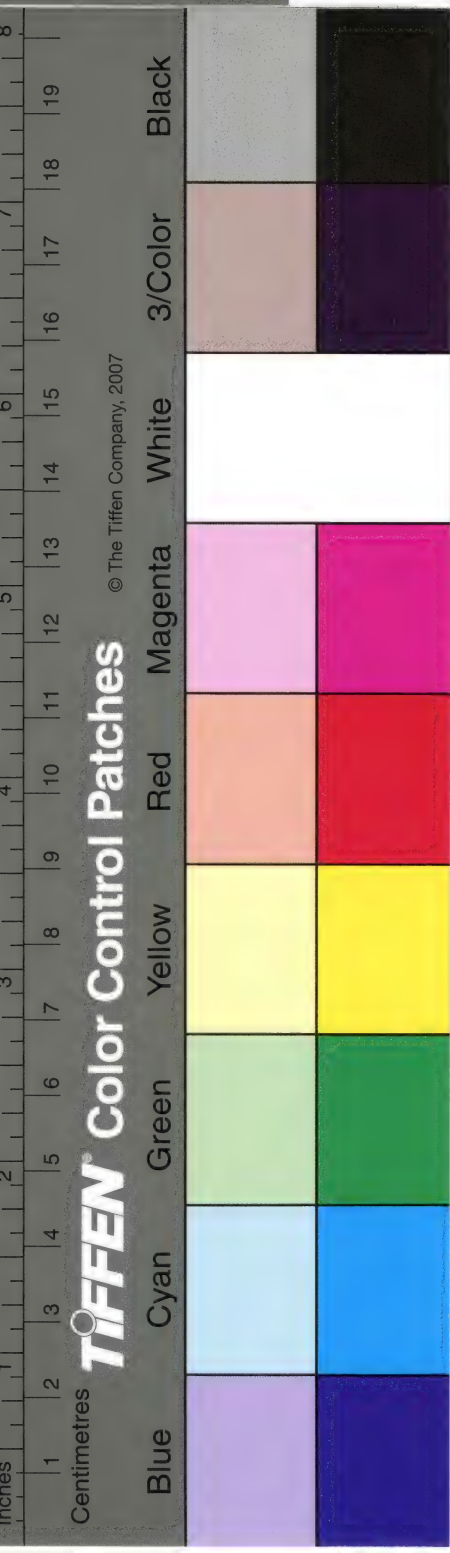
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January 20th This Evening I attended with the Treasurer (some of the Directors being present) when James Morris & Anthony Turnis were admitted to subscribe, who with Pees Lloyd & Henry Pratt executed in the Presence of J. Taylor & R. Peters; and they subscribed as witnesses. Took to the Library N^o. 4 & 5 of the London-Magazine, being two Pamphlets sent by T. Meadows Book-seller in London to the Library Company, which I received inclosed from Thomas Hopkinson by Andrew Duche.

February 12th 1732. At a Meeting of a Committee of Directors, Present A. Franklin, Tho. Godfrey, W^m Maugridge, J. Jones, W. Parsons, H. Pratt & Anthony Nicholas with the Treasurer Librarian and Secretary. — Twas agreed that the Secret^y should draw an Order on the Treasurer to pay Louis Timothee Three Pounds for his Service as Librarian and the Use of his Room for three Months, ending the 14th Inst^t which Order was written accordingly and signed by the said Directors. — And that like Articles of Agreement as those between the Directors and the said Louis Timothee of the 14th of November last past should be prepared for the same Parties to execute at their next Meeting, to serve for other three Months, next ensuing the said 14th Day of February Inst^t. — And that the Directors should meet next Saturday Evening at the Library, to conclude several Matters which now they had not Time sufficient to perfect. — And that all Borrowers of Books from whom any Penalties or Forfeitures were due, should be excluded from further borrowing until Satisfaction was made for every of their Penalties & Forfeitures.

Anthony Nicholas informed this Meeting, that Ewan Dwan, intending to remove with his Family to Carolina gave up his Design of subscribing to the Library.

February 17th At a Meeting of all the Directors at the Library (except Hugh Roberts who was sick) the Forfeiture of Pees Lloyd's Note of Hand of 32/ for not returning in due Time the Travels of Cyrus in 2 Vol^s was largely debated. A Committee has spent a good Part of last Evening in the same Debate, the Directors being inclined, if possible, without setting an ill precedent to mitigate this Forfeiture, for these Reasons Viz^t For his living out of Town, and having borrowed the Books



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before the Time of the Loans was enlarged, and for his having sent the Books within the Time limited him but the Person by whom they were sent failed to deliver them as the said Recs affirmed to the Librarian; and for that the Books had since been received into the Library und-faced. The Directors at length resolving not to dispense with the Library Rule in this case made and provided, and considering as well the Ease and Satisfaction of each Borrower as the Good & Interest of the whole Company determined this Debate by a Vote whether a Borrower returning a Book und-faced within two Weeks after forfeiting his Note should be excused on paying to the Librarian a Quarter part of the Sum in the Note together with two Shillings Penalty due for not regarding the Attendance Days — but not so returning the Book then to pay the whole Note; which passed in the affirmative by a Majority; and agreed to be a Rule for future Use as well as in the present Case. — The Directors for the Dispatch of other Business agreed to meet here again on next Monday Evening

February 19th Present at the Library, R: Grace, J. Nicholas, W. Parsons, H. Pratt: B: Franklin J. Jones and F. Godfrey — This Committee of Directors & Louis Timothee Librarian, interchangeably signed & sealed Articles of Agreement for three Months from the 24th Day of February Inst. the like as those of the 14th of Nov^r last, and he executed a Bond for Performance as then. —

Joseph Growdon having applied was admitted to subscribe as soon as he & I with the Treasurer & Witnesses could conveniently meet together. —

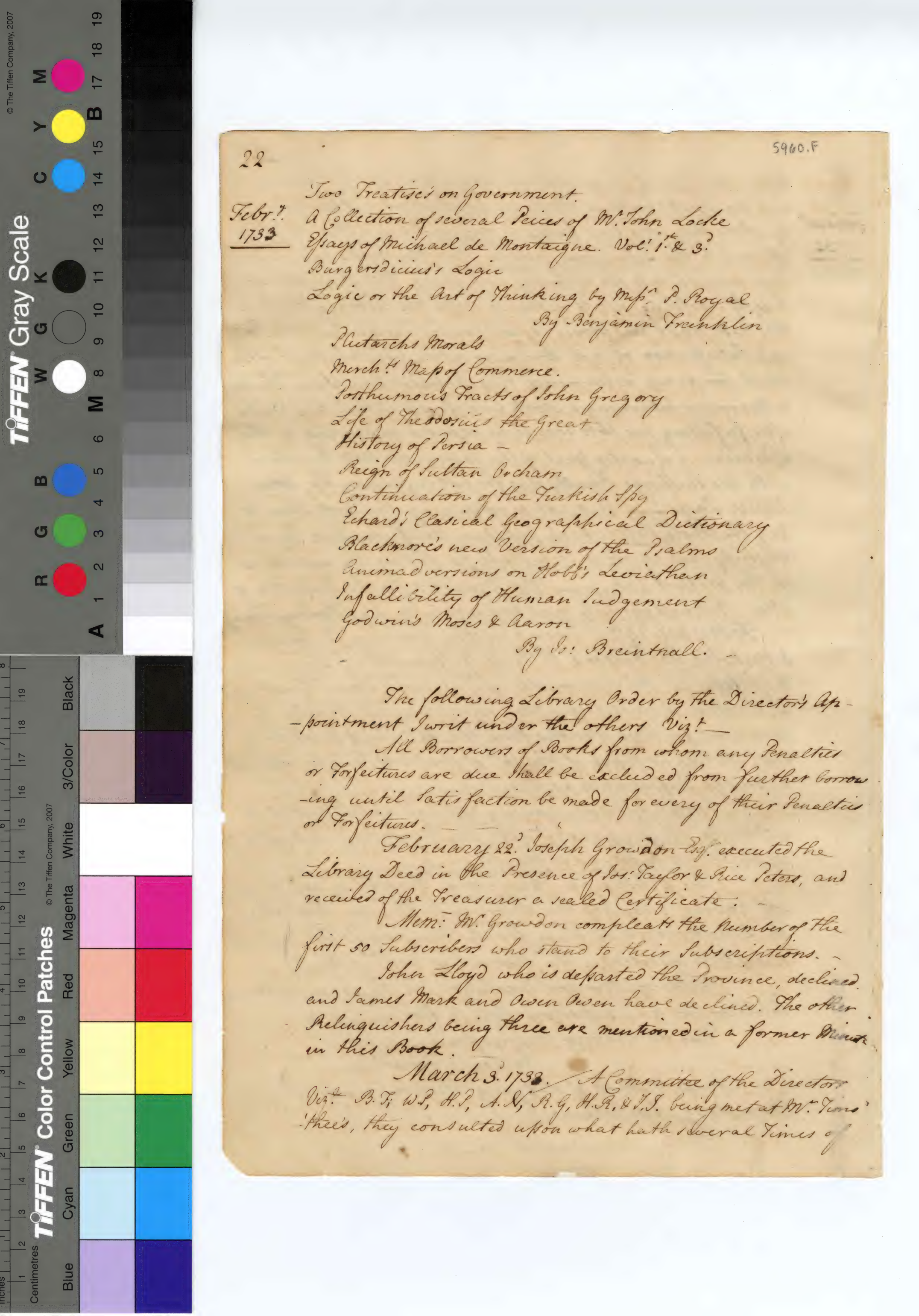
The Librarian, Benjamin Franklin and myself having presented the Library with some Books &c. the Directors received them for the Company's Use, and set Prices to be inserted in the Borrowers Notes of Hand. —

Vita multorum Theologorum, Jurisconsultorum, Politicorum, qui superiori Saeculo flourunt. &

Two old and very curious Manuscripts.

by Louis Timothee.

A new Method of studying History Geography and Chronology. Two Volumes.



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Two Treatises on Government.

A Collection of several Pieces of Mr. John Locke

Essays of Michael de Montaigne. Vol. 1. & 3.

Burgersdicius's Logic

Logic or the Art of Thinking by Mr. P. Roy al
By Benjamin Franklin

Plutarchs Morals

Merch. Map of Commerce.

Posthumous Tracts of John Gregory

Life of Theodosius the Great

History of Persia -

Reign of Sultan Orcham

Continuation of the Turkish Spy

Echard's Clasical Geographical Dictionary

Blackmore's new Version of the Psalms

Animadversions on Hobbs's Leviathan

Infallibility of Human Judgement

Godwin's Moses & Aaron

By Jos. Breinrall.

The following Library Order by the Directors Ap-
pointment I writ under the others Viz:-

All Borrowers of Books from whom any Penalties
or Forfeitures are due shall be excluded from further borrow-
ing until Satisfaction be made for every of their Penalties
or Forfeitures.

February 22. Joseph Groudon Esq. executed the
Library Deed in the Presence of Jos. Taylor & Rice Peters, and
received of the Treasurer a sealed Certificate.

Mem. Mr. Groudon compleats the Number of the
first 50 Subscribers who stand to their Subscriptions.

John Lloyd who is departed the Province, declined.
and James Mark and Owen Owen have declined. The other
Relinquishers being three are mentioned in a former Minute
in this Book.

March 3. 1733. A Committee of the Directors
Viz. B. F. W. P. H. S. A. N. R. G. H. R. & J. S. being met at Mr. Toms
's, they consulted upon what hath several Times of

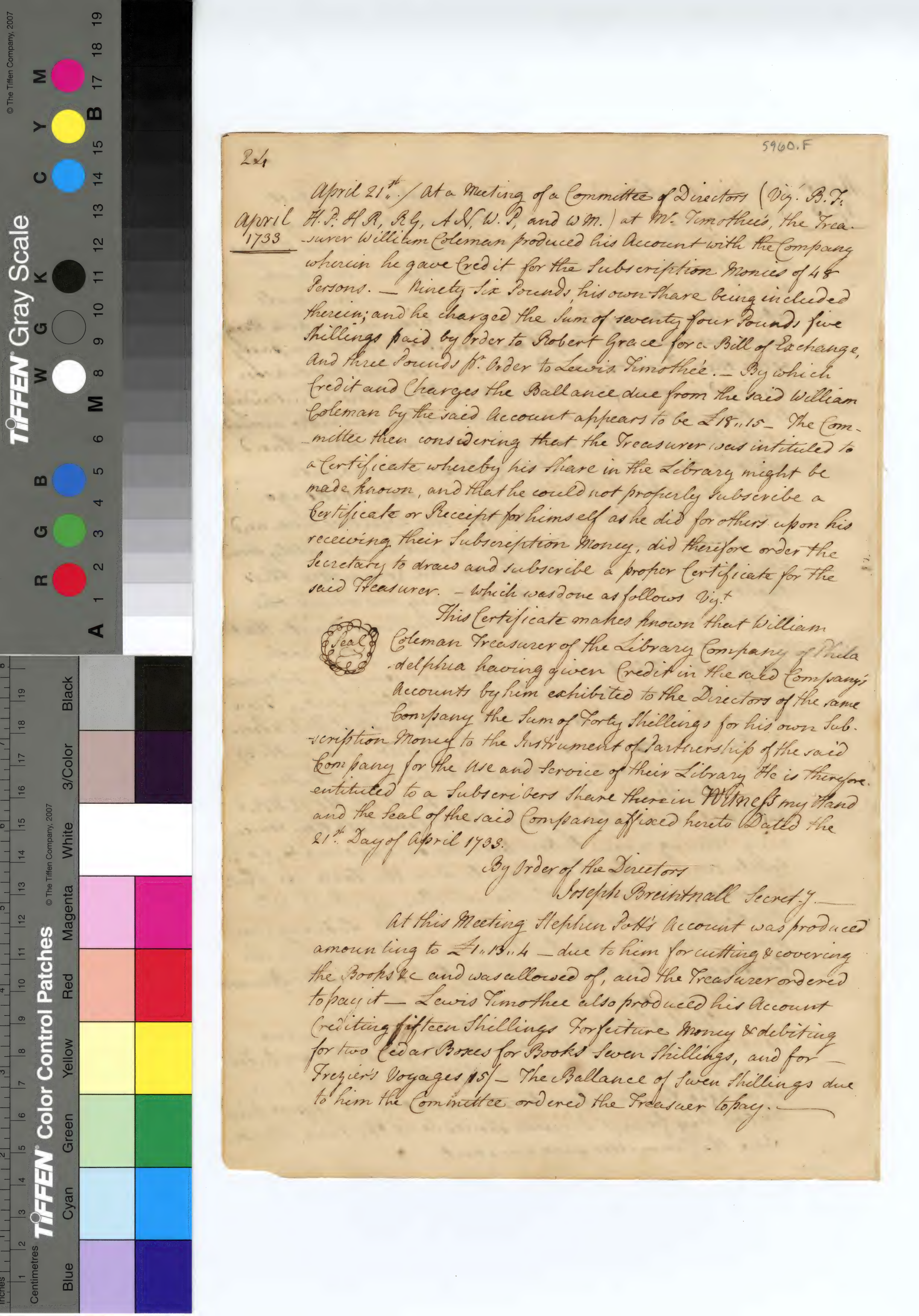
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late been mentioned. Viz^t. The sending away in the first Vessel for London the Money in the Treasurer's Hands to buy more Books. The Result was to defer it till May when the Ten Shillings p^r Ann. from the Subscribers should be paid in - In which Month Robert Grace would be going for London and would take such a Bill of Exchange with him as the whole Money might purchase, and lay it out in Books for the Company as the then Directors should order. — For Tho: Hopkinson (as hinted in some of his Letters to his Friends here) intending to return hither might be departed before our Letter arrived at London, and then so small a Sum as is now in Hand might be too trifling for Peter Collinson to negotiate. —

One of the Subscribers having some weeks ago brought to the Library a Book for the Directors to see, and buy if they pleased, belonging to a Gentleman lately from London, who is a transient Person, the Committee this Night agreed to buy it for the Library and ordered the Librarian to pay the Price (Fifteen Shillings) for it - that being less than a Cent on the first Cost, and the Book undressed. — To be paid out of Money received for Forfeitures or Penalties from Borrowers of Books delinquent. — 'Tis a Voyage to the South Sea and along the Coasts of Chili & Peru in the Years 1712-13 & 14. By Mons: Frezier, in 4^{to}. with 87 Copper Cuts, and well printed and bound on good Paper.

March 12. A Committee (B. F., W. P., T. G., H. P., J. J., H. R., & A. C.) met at the Library and held a Consultation concerning valuing a new Subscriber's Share; but came to no Conclusion. — The Librarian laid on the Table the 6 Vol. or Books of the Works of M^r. Edmund Spenser which W^m. Rawle had sent to him as a present to the Library Company. — The Directors kindly received this Gift for the Company. — The famous old English Poem called Spenser's Fairy Queen is included in these Works. —

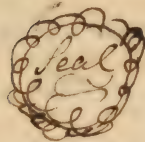
April 9th 1733. A Committee of all the Directors (except W^m. Maugridge) met at M^r. Timothee's but concluded on nothing more to be minuted than that the Place to be advertised for the Subscribers to meet at on the approaching Election Day for new Directors should be at the same House where the Committee were now met. —



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April 21st / At a Meeting of a Committee of Directors (Viz. B. F. H. P. H. R. R. G. A. S. W. P. and W. M.) at Mr. Timothee's, the Treasurer William Coleman produced his Account with the Company wherein he gave Credit for the Subscription Monies of 48 Persons. — Ninety Six Pounds, his own Share being included therein; and he charged the Sum of seventy four Pounds five Shillings paid by Order to Robert Grace for a Bill of Exchange, and three Pounds p^r. Order to Lewis Timothee. — By which Credit and Charges the Ballance due from the said William Coleman by the said Account appears to be £18.15. — The Committee then considering that the Treasurer was intituled to a Certificate whereby his Share in the Library might be made known, and that he could not properly subscribe a Certificate or Receipt for himself as he did for others upon his receiving their Subscription Money, did therefore order the Secretary to draw and subscribe a proper Certificate for the said Treasurer. — which was done as follows Viz.^t

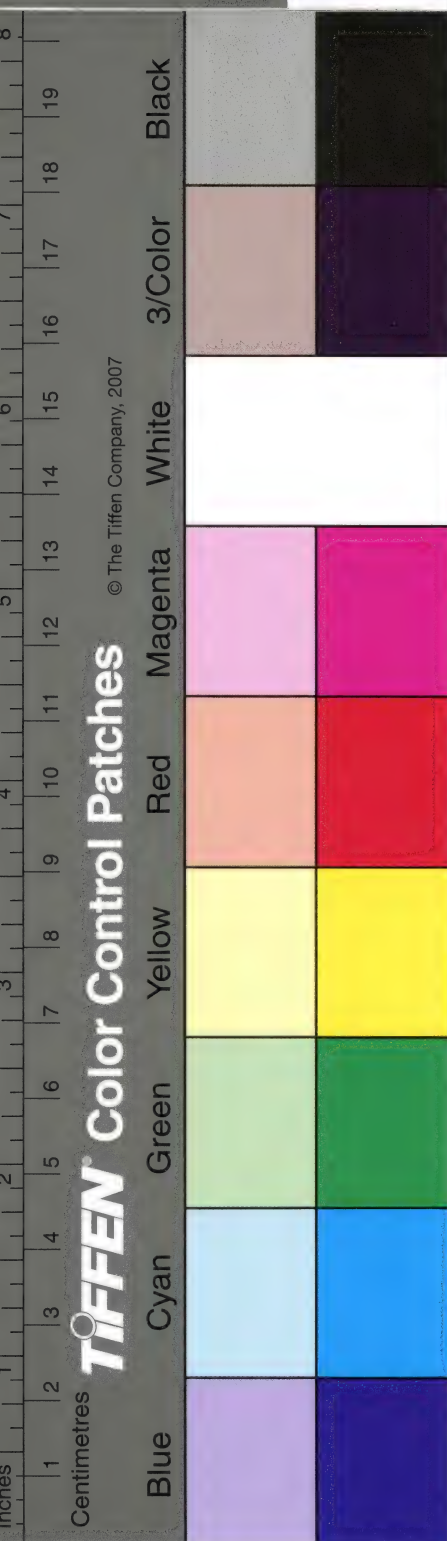


This Certificate makes known that William Coleman Treasurer of the Library Company of Philadelphia having given Credit in the said Company's Accounts by him exhibited to the Directors of the same Company the Sum of Forty Shillings for his own Subscription Money to the Instrument of Partnership of the said Company for the Use and Service of their Library He is therefore entitled to a Subscribers Share therein Witness my Hand and the Seal of the said Company affixed hereto Dated the 21st Day of April 1733.

By Order of the Directors

Joseph Breintnall Secy.

At this Meeting Stephen Potts Account was produced amounting to £1.13.4 — due to him for cutting & covering the Books &c and was allowed of, and the Treasurer ordered to pay it — Lewis Timothee also produced his Account crediting fifteen Shillings Forfeiture Money & debiting for two Cedar Boxes for Books Seven Shillings, and for Frezier's Voyages 10s — The Ballance of Seven Shillings due to him the Committee ordered the Treasurer to pay.



April 1733 April 26th / Mem^o This Day Tho^s Hopkinson & Thomas Cadwalader arrived from London. T. Hopkinson brought me a Letter from Peter Collinson, purporting the Receipt of the Letter of Thanks from the Library Company; and that he has now made them a Present of a Print of the Orrery which comes under Cover to the Honourable Thomas Penn - and that he (Peter Collinson) made a free Offer of his Services to the Company. — &c

May 7th 1733. There was (at M^r Timothee's) an amicable Election. William Coleman being chosen Treasurer, and the following Persons Directors Viz.

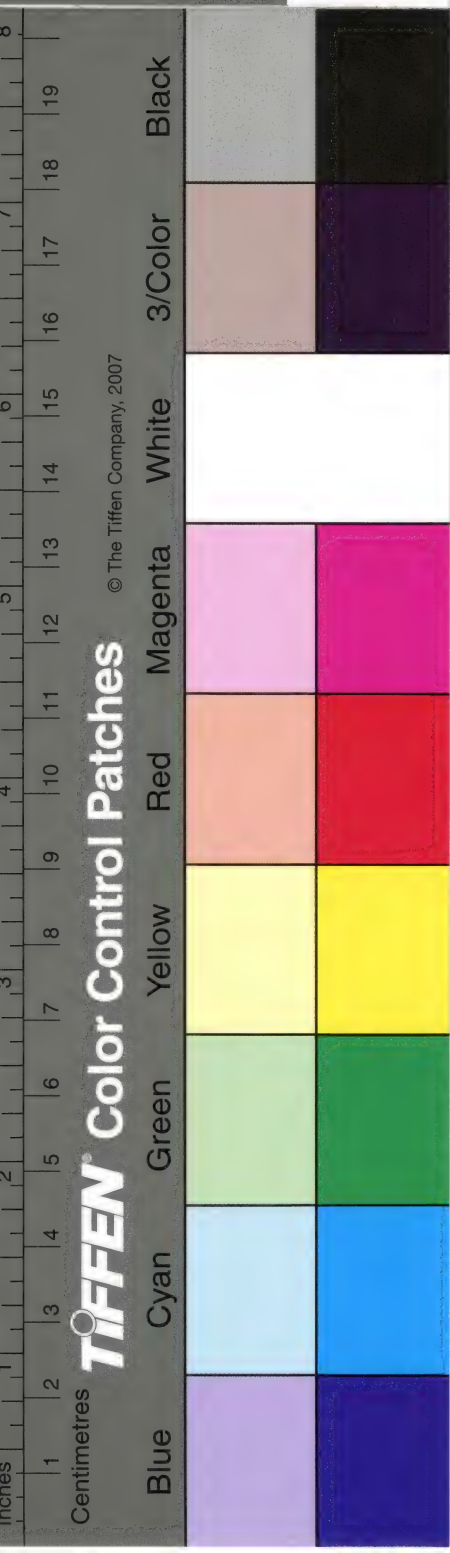
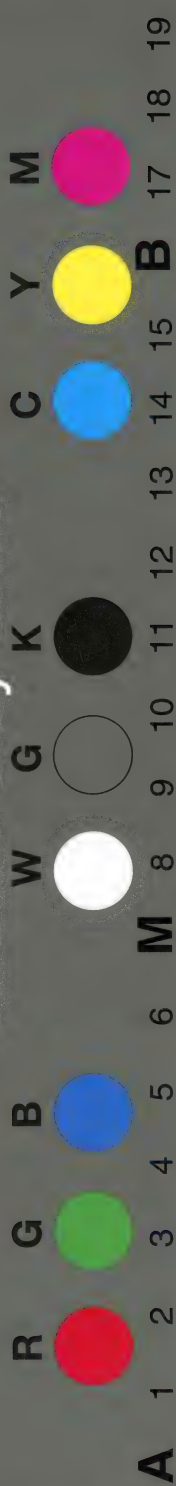
Benjamin Franklin,	William Parsons,
Thomas Hopkinson,	Hugh Roberts,
Thomas Godfrey,	Robert Grace,
Henry Pratt,	Thomas Cadwalader,
William Rawle,	John Jones Jun ^r .

The Weather, tho' wet & cold for the Season, did not hinder the Subscribers from bringing in their annual Payment. Some few indeed who were beyond Sea, or remote from Town did not appear, but their Friends advanced for them — So that the Treasurer received (& gave Receipts) for 44 Payments of 10/ each — The Remainder of the 50 Subscribers being Charles Brockden, B: Franklin Philip Lyne, and Jos. Breintnall who are exempted on account of former Services, and Stephen Potts who intends to assign his Share

Mem^o Thomas Hopkinson brought from T. Meadows (the Company's Stationer in London) and has taken to the Library, 4 of the London Magazines succeeding those we formerly had, and an Appendix thereto or Index to the foregoing 1 and 6 of the Historia Literariae from N^o 15 to 20 inclusive (But N^o 15 & 16 we had before, so that these 2 are added by Mistake) — For which Magazines & Literariae the Company is charged in M^r Meadows's Books. —

The Directors agreed to meet, at the same Place next Thursday Evening, The 10th Inst. —

May 10th All the Directors (except T. Godfrey) met at the Library, and agreed which of the Applicants should be admitted if some of the ~~Subscribers~~ ^{Applicants} (who have proposed it)



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May 17th 1793 should resolve to assign over their Shares — And it was agreed to meet here again next Monday Evening, when all or a Majority, would subscribe to a Memorandum for their punctual Attendance at Monthly Meetings. —

May 11th Mem^o John Tomkins having let the Directors know that his distant Living made it difficult to him to borrow or return Books, and that he would, if they approved of it, transfer his Share to Jacob Durborow; and Jacob Durborow having applied himself to some of the Directors to be admitted, and the Committee at their last Meeting allowing thereof the said Tomkins did this Day transfer his Share to J. Durborow for 50/ by an Assignment indorsed on his first Receipt. And both (Tomkins having not done it before) executed the Library Instrument in Presence of Joseph Taylor & Rice Peters. —

May 14th This Evening a Committee of Directors (Viz. B. Franklin, T. Godfrey, W. Rawle, T. Hopkinson, W. Parsons, J. Cadwalader, J. Jones, H. Roberts, and Henry Pratt.) with the Treasurer and Secretary met at Mr. Timothee's, and consulted upon addressing our Proprietor in Order for his Countenance & Protection in an Affair so useful & well intended as the Library. And which (as B. Franklin learnt from Mr. Georges the Proprietors Secret^y) the Prop^r approved of & designed to encourage.

The Directors having come to a Conclusion that the Prop^r ought to be addrest, appointed B. Franklin, T. Hopkinson, W. Coleman and J. Breintnall to draw an Address and meet the Directors with it here tomorrow Evening. —

May 15th This Evening a Committee of Directors Viz. B. Franklin, T. Godfrey, W. Parsons, T. Hopkinson, W. Rawle, J. Cadwalader, J. Jones, & H. Roberts with the Treasurer and Secretary met at Mr. Timothee's — The Persons appointed to draw up an Address, brought and delivered it to the Directors, which was distinctly read and then perused by several Members — Some Objections were made to the Style by those who had accustomed themselves to what is called the plain Language — But a Majority observing that an Alteration in that would necessarily make too great a Change and cause Delay, the Address was agreed to. The Secretary was ordered to transcribe it fair, and sign it as by Order



of the Directors — He undertaking to have it ready by the Morning some of the Directors agreed to meet at the same Place, and then to go and present it, if nothing happened to hinder. *ppp*

May 1793 May 24th The Address above mentioned was this Day presented to the Proprietor, by Rob. Grace, B. Franklin, W. Rawle, T. Hopkinson, and T. Cadwallader. — The Proprietor received it with great Civility and Kindness, and was pleased to enquire of the Presenters some things concerning the Library, and to assure them of his Encouragement. — The Address was as follows. *Wig.*

To the Honorable the Proprietors of the Library

To the Honourable Thomas Penn
Esquire one of the Proprietors of
the Province of Pennsylvania —
The humble Address of the Directors of the
Library Company of Philadelphia
May it please your Honour.

"All the good People of Pennsylvania rejoice in
"your happy Arrival and Residence in this your Province, &
"will continue to rejoice in whatever promotes your Prosperity.
"Among the rest the Subscribers to the Library in Philad.
"beg leave to assure your Honour, that in the same good affec-
"tions they are not behind the warmest of their Countrymen.
"Your Province of Pennsylvania, Sir, happily in its
"Climate and Situation, and in the Constitution of its Govern-
"ment, is thought to be no less happy in the native Genius
"of its People; prone as it is to Industry, and capable of every
"kind of Improvement. & & & &
"But when Colonies are in their Infancy, the Refine-
"ments of Life it seems cannot be much attended to. —
"To encourage Agriculture promote Trade, and establish
"good Laws must be the principal Care of the first Founders;
"while other Arts & Sciences, less immediately necessary, how
"excellent & useful soever, are left to the Care and Cultivation
"of Posterity. Hence it is that neither in this nor in the neigh-
"bouring Provinces, has there yet been made any Provision
"for a public generous Education.

"With a View of supplying in some Measure this Deficiency for
 May 1793 "the Present among ourselves, we have attempted to erect a common
 "Library in Philadelphia. And when on this Account we address
 "a Son of the great and good, and ever memorable William Penn, we
 "are persuaded that an Endeavour, however small, to propagate
 "Knowledge and improve the Minds of Men, by rendering useful
 "Science more cheap and easy of Access, will not want his Counte-
 "nance and Protection.

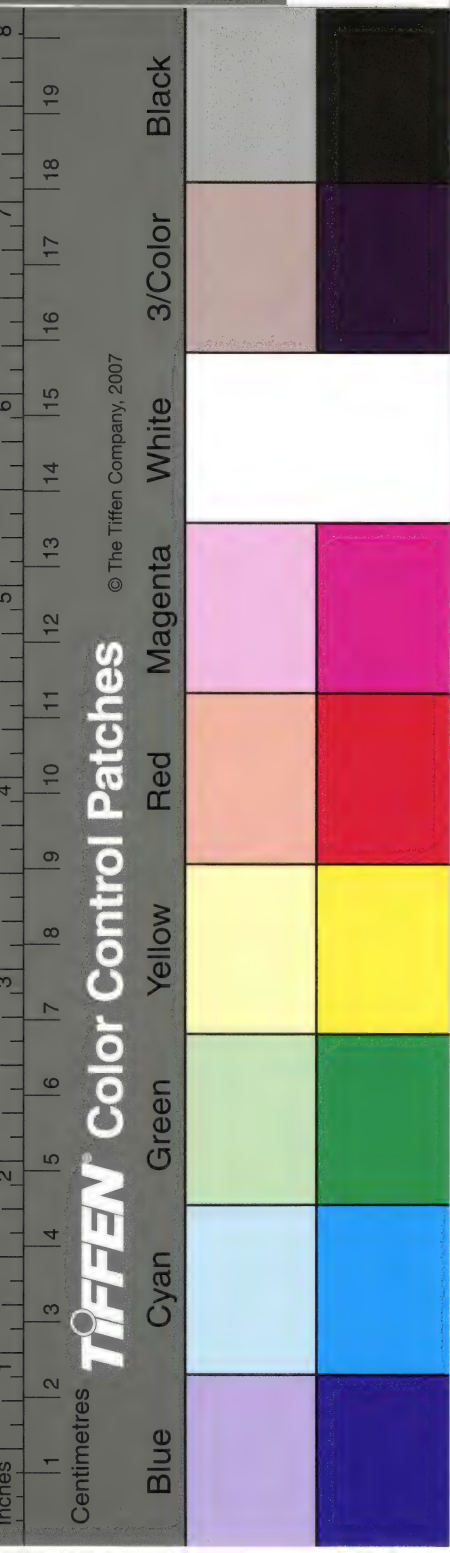
"May your Philadelphia be the future Athens of America:
 "May plenty of her Sons arise, qualified with Learning, Virtue and
 "Politeness for the most important Offices of Life! And as this must
 "be owing to the Wisdom and Benevolence of your Honourable
 "Family, which gave Being to the Province & its happy Consti-
 "tution, May every kind of human Felicity attend the Proprietary
 "House, thro' all Ages to the latest Posterity. —
 May 16th 1793.

"Signed by Order of the Directors
 "Joseph Breintnall Secretary"

May 28th All the Directors with the Treasurer & Secretary met
 at Mr. Timothee's in the Library Room this Evening in order to
 continue & make out a List of Books to be sent Home for within
 a few Days; which was begun by a Quorum of Directors the
 23^d Inst. from Lists written by several of the Directors & Mr.
 Logan's List which he formerly assisted in & our Printers Cata-
 logue. — We set down so many Books as at the Price we gave
 them might amount to £21. 10 — which was thought suffi-
 cient at this Time. And a Committee was appointed to write
 a Letter to Peter Collinson & do what else was needful. And they
 agreed to meet at the same Place to Morrow Evening. And all
 the Directors to meet here on the Evening of the 2^d Monday in
 June that being the Time for their Monthly Meeting. —

Mem. The Directors acquainted me (which before I
 knew not) that Francis Richardson had presented the Com-
 pany some Weeks ago with

- 2 Vol. 8^{vo}. A Collection of Letters extracted from
 Mist's Journal.
- 1 D^o. Tully's Offices in English
- 1 Folio. S^r. Francis Bacon's Natural History.



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May 30th The Proprietors Secretary having informed B. Franklin that if the Directors intended to print their Address, the Proprietor would let them have his Answer in Writing^t. Therefore this Morning B. Franklin & T. Hopkinson waited on him and received it. He desired to see a List of the Library Books, that in his writing for a Parcel to present the Company with he might not send for what we already have. — This lying upon me, and Mr. Franklin sending me a printed Catalogue, I added to it the Letteraries & Magazines which we lately received, and wrote on the back the Books given by several Hands since the printing of the said Catalogue; on another Paper I likewise copied the List of Books we are now sending for, & took all these Lists to the Proprietors. —

June 2^d 1733. The Committee not all meeting in due time according to appointment, and Mr. Grace sending me a few Lines Three Days after importing that the Ship would sail tomorrow &c. I drew an Order on the Treasurer to pay Mr. Grace for his Bill which at last Meeting of the Directors he consented to draw on P. Collinson to serve the Company. The Order was as follows Viz^t.

Philad.^a June 1st 1733.

"Pay to Robert Grace Thirty Seven Pounds two Shillings
"and Six Pence for his Bill of Exchange of Twenty two Pounds
"Ten Shillings Sterling (with 6s^{ts}. Cent Advance) drawn on
"Peter Collinson to purchase Books in London for the Use of
"the Library Company of Philadelphia
To W^m Coleman Treasurer.

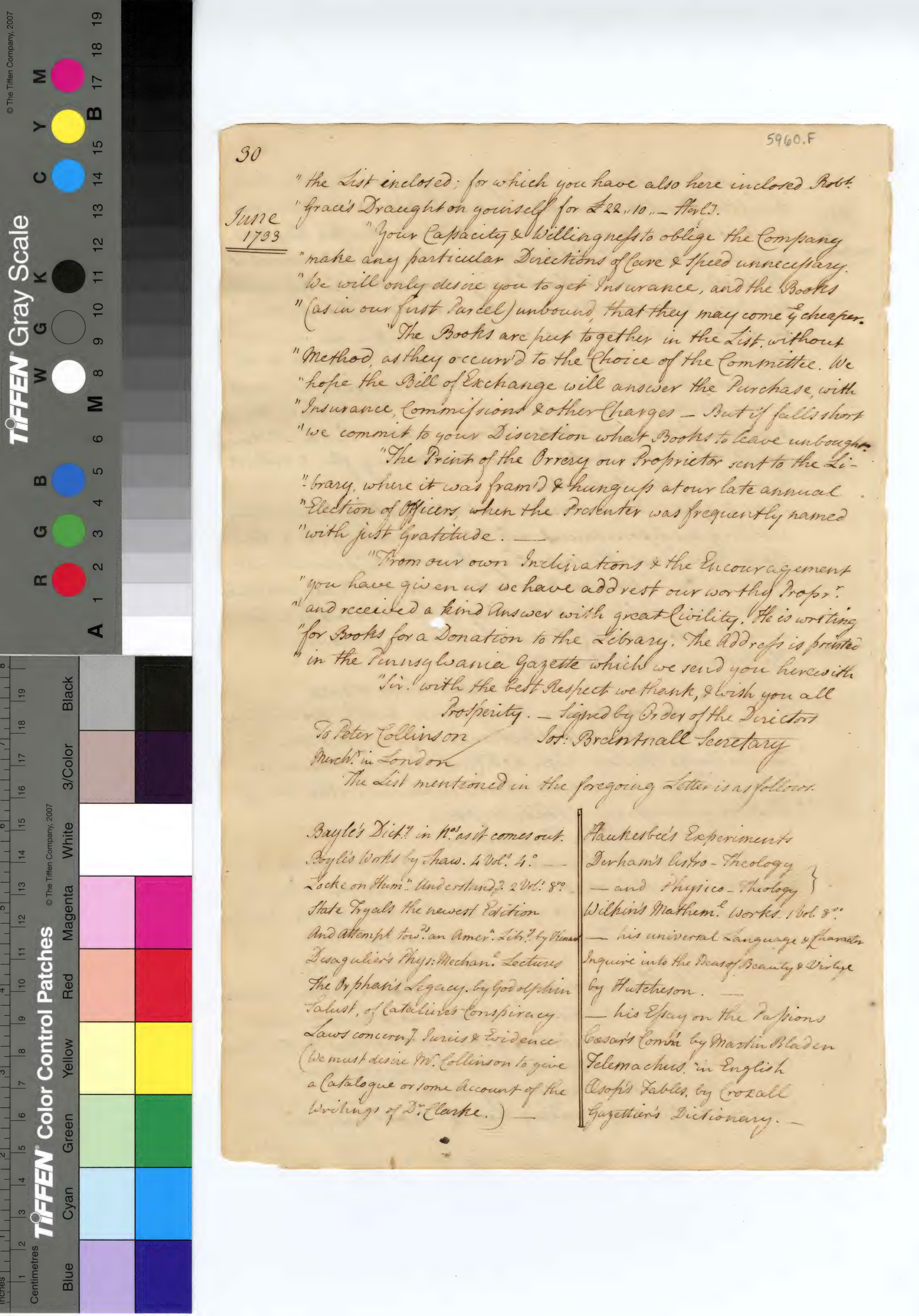
This I delivered Mr. Grace to be signed by a Committee of Directors when they meet. — And I wrote a Letter to Mr. Collinson which was seen & approved of by three of the Directors — There was not Time to shew it to the rest. Viz^t.

Sir.

Philad.^a June 1st 1733.

"M^r. Hopkinson on his Arrival from London informed
"us of your good Offices & Assistance And you are pleased in your
"Obliging Letter to our Secretary of Jan^y. 27th last past to offer your
"further Service to the Members of the Library Company.

"The Directors therefore request you will undertake
"the Trouble of buying & sending them the Books mentioned in
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"the List enclosed; for which you have also here inclosed Robt.
"Grace's Draught on yourself for £22.10. — Hert.

"Your Capacity & Willingness to oblige the Company
"make any particular Directions of Care & Speed unnecessary.

"We will only desire you to get Insurance, and the Books
"(as in our first Parcel) unbound, that they may come y^e cheaper.

"The Books are put together in the List, without
"Method, as they occur'd to the Choice of the Committee. We
"hope the Bill of Exchange will answer the Purchase, with
"Insurance, Commissions & other Charges — But if falls short
"we commit to your Discretion what Books to leave unbought.

"The Print of the Orrery our Proprietor sent to the Li-
"brary, where it was fram'd & hung up at our late annual
"Election of Officers, when the Presenter was frequently named
"with just Gratitude. —

"From our own Inclinations & the Encouragement
"you have given us we have addrest our worthy Prop^r.
"and received a kind Answer with great Civility. He is writing
"for Books for a Donation to the Library. The Address is printed
"in the Pennsylvania Gazette which we send you herewith

"Sir, with the best Respect we thank, & wish you all
Prosperity. — Signed by Order of the Directors

To Peter Collinson Jos. Breckinridge Secretary
March in London

The List mentioned in the foregoing Letter is as follows.

Bayle's Dict^y in 11.° as it comes out.

Boyle's Works by Shaw. 4 Vol. 4.° —

Locke on Humⁿ Understand^g 2 Vol. 8.° —

State Trials the newest Edition

And Attempt tow^d an Amer^{ic} Lib^r by Thomas

Desaguliers's Phys^{ic} Mechan^{ic} Lectures

The Orphan's Legacy, by Godolphin

Salust, of Cataline's Conspiracy

Laws concern^g Juris & Evidence

(We must desire Mr. Collinson to give

a Catalogue or some account of the

Writings of Dr. Clarke.) —

Haukebee's Experiments

Derham's Astro - Theology

— and Physico - Theology

Wilkins's Mathem^{at} Works. 1 Vol. 8.°

— his universal Language & Grammar

Inquire into the Deas of Beauty & Virtue

by Hutcheson. —

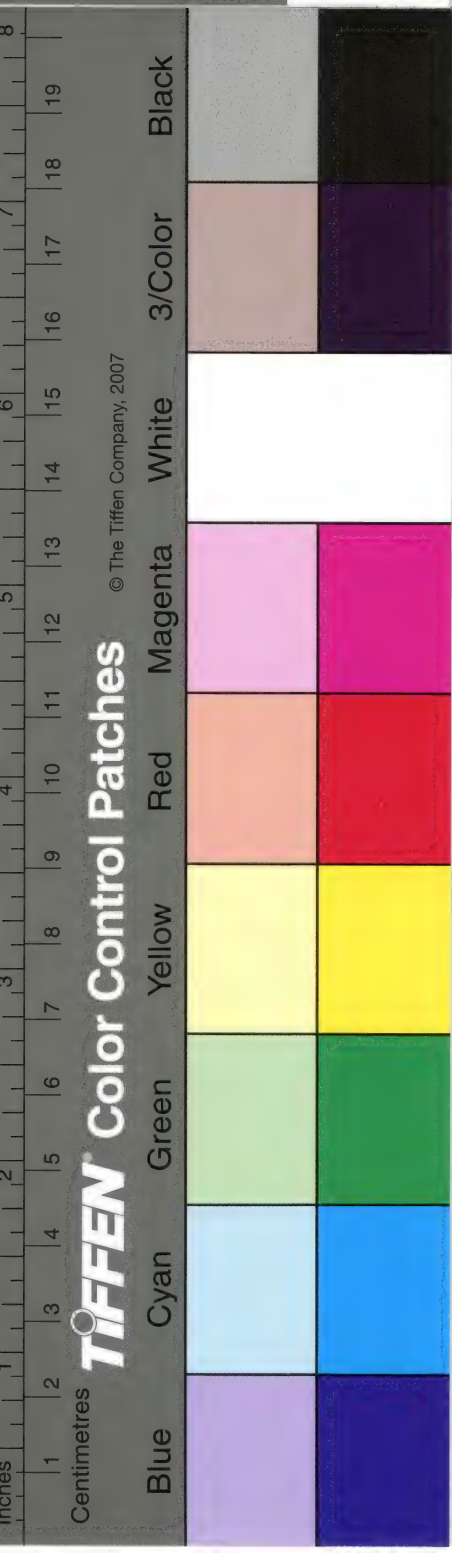
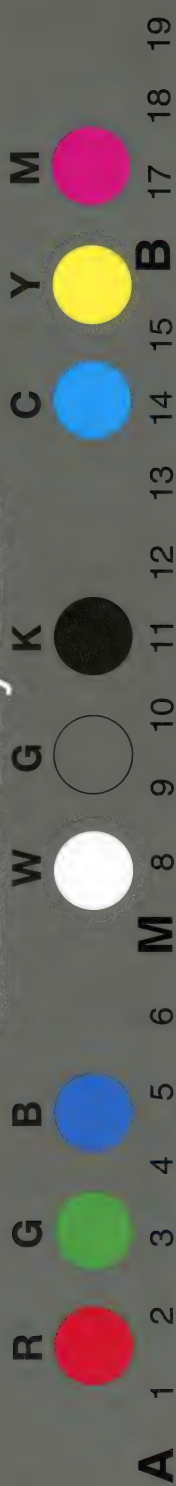
— his Essay on the Passions

Cesar's Com^{me} by Martin Bladen

Telemachus, in English

Aesop's Fables, by Croxall

Gazettier's Dictionary. —



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Locke on Education
Burnett's Letters of Travels
Blackmoore's Creation
Shells Copy Book, or any other if better
F. W. Temple's Plays, with his Life
Maria's History of Spain
Jones's Synopsis
Quincy's Dispensatory
Seneca's Morals abridg'd.
Epictetus & Simplicius's Notes
Character & Manner of y^e Age, by Dryden
Prior's Poems
Universal Passion - Satyr
Satyr of Juvenal & Persius, English
Italian Grammar, Spanish Dicto

Prideaux's Connect.ⁿ of old & new Test.^{mt}
— his Life of Mahomet
Garth's Dispensary
F. Walt. Raleigh's Hist.^y of y^e World, to Continⁿ
Meyer's History of France
Edward's Roman Hist.^y to Continⁿ
The best Herbal
Newton's Principia, in English
Jure Maritimo
Pope's Miscellanies
Pomfret's Poems
Bacon's Essays moral & civil, with
the Character of L^d. Elizabeth
Dryden's Fables
Historia Literaria, & Magazines.

Note, as the Bill mentioned in the Letter to M^r. Collinson
was to be drawn on himself, an Order was thought more proper
and was as follows Viz^t

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Philad^a. June 1st 1733.

"I have agreed with the Library Company of Philad^a.
"to draw on you for £22^{..}10^{..} — Next^y. and the Directors now write
"to you to purchase Books for the Library — Please to lay out that
"Sum according to their Orders & place the same to acct. of
Li. your h^{ble} Serv^t

To Peter Collinson
March^t. in London

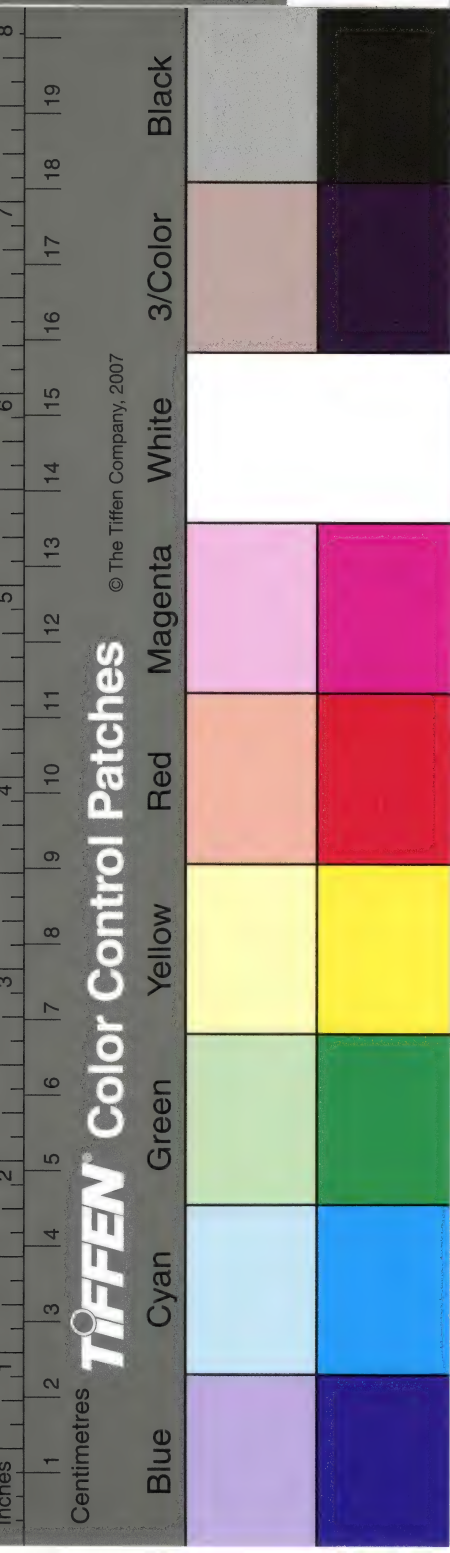
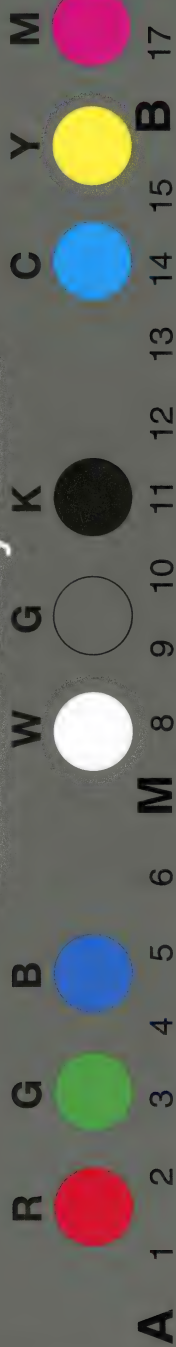
Robert Grace

The said Order and List & News Paper were inclo-
-red, & the Letter delivered (the 2^d. Inst.) to M^r. Grace to put in
the Captain's Bag, or deliver him.

Via Bristol in the Bristol Hope, Cap^t. Tough.

June 7th 1733. — The Order on the Treasurer to pay M^r.
Grace for his Draught on Peter Collinson I got signed by Henry
Pratt, Hugh Roberts, Tho^s. Godfrey, Tho^s. Cadwalader, B. Franklin,
— Lin, Tho^s. Hopkinson & W^m. Parsons, & took to M^r. Grace's House.

The Proprietors Answer mentioned (May 30th. Inst.) to the
Address of the Directors was in these Words. Viz^t



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"Gentlemen.

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"I take this Address very kindly; & assure you, I shall
"always be ready to promote any Undertaking so usefull to the
"Country, as that of erecting a common Library in this City." -

June 11th This Evening was the Time for the Monthly
Meeting of the Directors, but no more met than B. Franklin,
V. Rawle, H. Roberts, W. Parsons and T. Hopkinson with the
Treasurer & Secraty. - It was agreed that the rest should have
Notice given, & all to meet here at the Library next Monday
Evening. -

June 18th. The Directors met at the Library and
consulted upon admitting the Persons who have lately ap-
plied Viz. William Biddle, D^r Samuel Chew & James Hamilton
It appeared upon Enquiry that none of the Subscribers who
had some time ago informed the Directors that they (the
Subscribers) would transfer their Shares, would now part
with them, except Stephen Potts; whose Share is allotted for
D^r Shaw an old Applier; for whom M^r Grace is ready to
pay. - The Directors therefore (and because they don't
think fit yet to admit new Subscribers) agreed, that if the
Persons applying to subscribe are willing & desirous to borrow
the Books, at such Times as such Books are in the Library
& not bespoke by any of the present Subscribers, the Librarian
shall permit them so to do; they respectively depositing in
his Hands so much Money for each Book or Set of Books as
the Subscribers on their Borrowing give their Notes for;
And also subscribing a Note of Hand to the Librarian pur-
porting the Sum pledg'd, & for what, & the Time of the Loan,
& returning the Book or Books undamaged, with Six pence
p^r Week for the Loan of all Folios & Quartos & four Pence
p^r Week for the others. - An Order was drawn on
the Treasurer, subscribed by a Committee of Directors, to
pay M^r Timothee one Quarter's Payment ending May 14th
at such Time as he (the Treasurer) should have received
50/ of or for D^r Shaw & 15/ of M^r Timothee which he had
in Hand for Forfeitures. -

July 9th The Directors attended their Monthly Meetg.
at the Library, all (except H. Roberts & A. Grace) where W. Rawle

July 1733 acquainted the Directors with Abraham England's Desire of being admitted to the Loan of Books in the same Manner as W. Biddle, D.^r Chew & S.^r Hamilton, which the Committee consented to, & ordered a Minute thereof to be made. —

August 2^d 1733. / Going to Newton, took to Mr. Logan a Catalogue of all the Books in the Library & of those sent for — He having lately mentioned to me his Regard for the Library. —

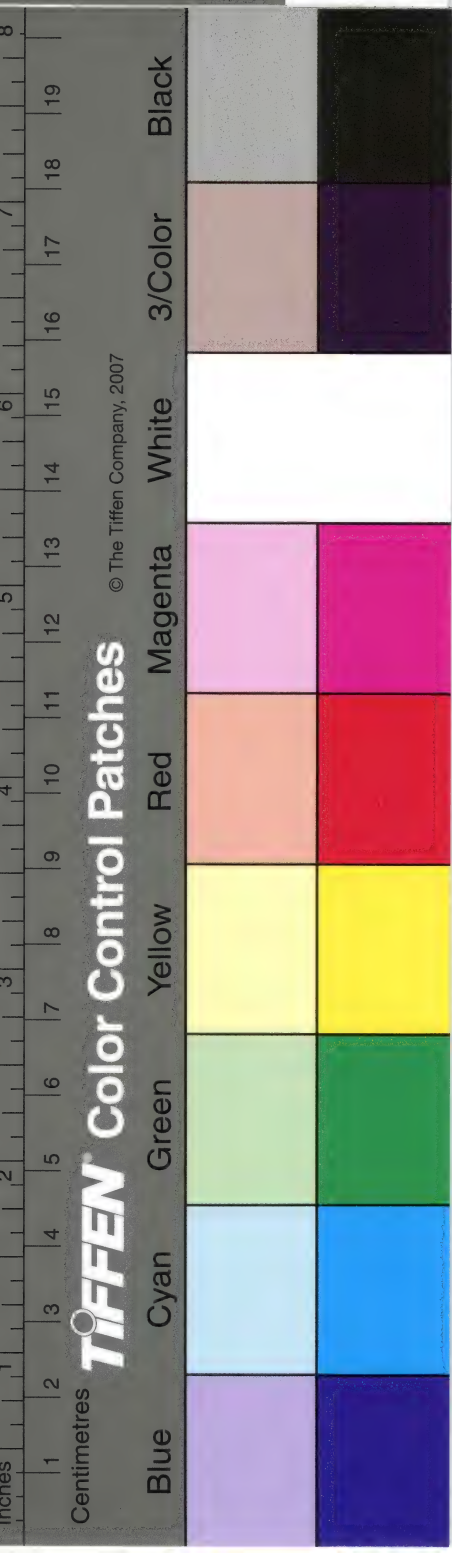
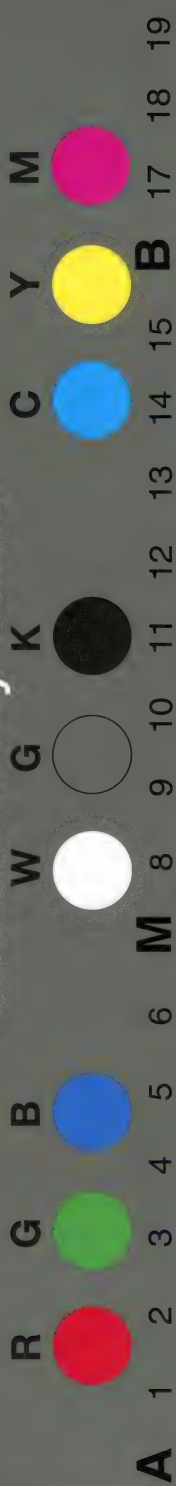
August 5th / Robt. Grace sending me a Line informing that D.^r Tho.^s Shaws of Burlington came to Town with him last Night & was obliged to return Home with him to day, & that they would wait on me if the D.^r could sign the Library Instrument before the Witnesses, I immediately went to Mr. Grace's & took the Doct.^r to Joseph Taylor's where he executed in Form. A. B. This Subscriber was allow'd of by the Directors some Months ago — He purchases Stephen Potts's Share.

August 13th / No other of the Directors, except Benjamin Franklin, W. Rawle, H. Pratt & Hugh Roberts attended at the Library this Monthly Meeting. —

August 18th / John Read having purchased Joseph Wharton's Share for 50^s had an Apignmt. indorsed on said Wharton's Recd. dated 16th Inst.^t. And he the said Read together with Tho.^s Cadwalader & Josiah Rolfe, now executed the Library Instrument. John Read was allow'd of by the Directors several Months ago. —

August 29th / Benjⁿ Eastburn & John Paschall, who at the Time of their subscribing the Instrument of Partnership did not seal & deliver the same, did now seal & deliver it in due Form. —

September 10th 1733. / At a monthly Meeting at the Library of a Majorities of the Directors Viz^t W. Rawle, T. Godfrey, T. Cadwalader, R. Grace, W. Parsons, T. Hopkinson, & H. Pratt and Order was directed to be drawn on the Treasurer to pay Mr. Lewis Timothee £3. — for one Quarterly Payment due the 14th of last Month; which Order Brou & the Directors present subscribed it. — The Treasurer W. Coleman being also present. was ordered to make out a Certificate



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for Dr Shaw on receiving 50s from Mr Grace who had it ready to pay. — This is for Stephen Dotts share, who had never received a Certificate of the Treasurer, or paid for his Subscription in Money, but had an account depending agst the Company; which upon his finding it inconvenient for him to hold his share, the Treasurer paid by order of the Directors as mentioned in former Minutes. And the said Stephen having agreed that Dr Shaw should take his place in the Library, I proposed to the Directors that this Agreement should appear under Stephens Hand (as his share was not deemed forfeited) & might be indorsed on Shaws Certificate or underwrit, which they approved of. — Some of the Directors informed that Samuel Morris made Application to subscribe, & desired he might be admitted to come in Isaac Penningtons Room, who would assign his share, and he was approved of. — Sam^l Carpenter Sen^r (as I informed) desires to be admitted at the next Vacancy, which was also allowed of. —

October 1st 1733. Some of the Directors having lately put me in mind of sending now by Ship London Hope Capt. Tho^s Annis a Duplicate of the last Letter to Peter Collinson. I have accordingly copied it & the List of Books, & wrote to him as follows Viz^t

"Much respected friend.

Philad^a Oct^r 1st 1733.

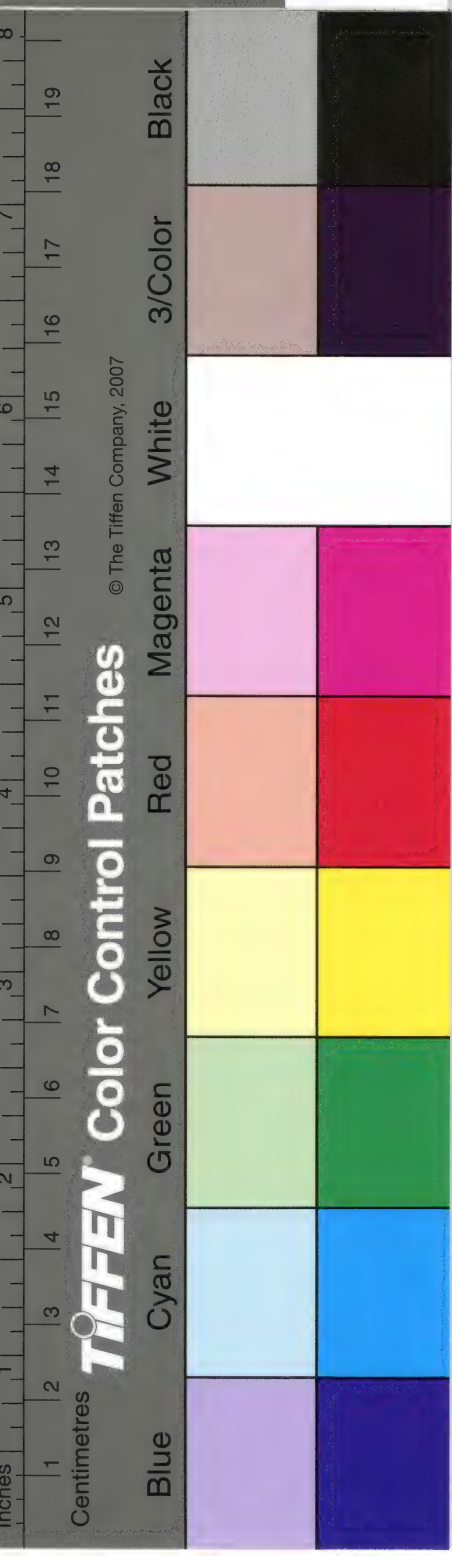
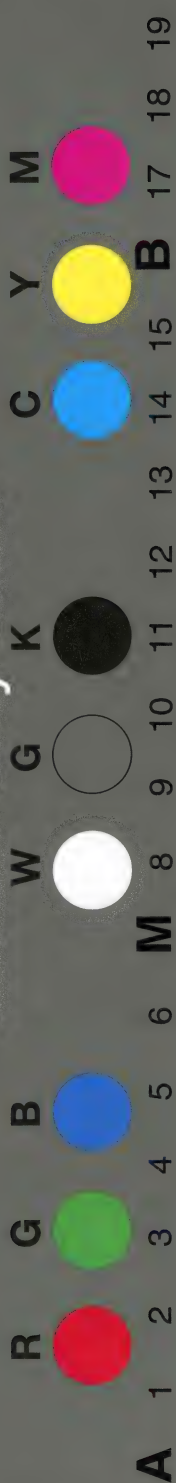
"The foregoing is a Copy of the Letter sent you in the Bristol Hope Capt. Dough. which the Directors have ordered me to repeat now by Capt. Annis lest thro^o Mis carriage of the first the Company be disappointed.

"I have inclosed a List of Books & Robert Graces second Draught for the same sum before mentioned, but I have not sent you the Gazette because I think you may have seen it at the Coffee House if you have not received that inclosed in the foregoing Letter. —

"I conclude with the Directors kind Respects to you and my own

"Your obliged Friend

"Joseph Breintnell"



Note, the Order or Draught of M^r Grace to M^r Collinson of the 1st of June last, being transcribed was underwrit & signed as follows.

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M^r Collinson

Philad^a Oct^r 1st 1733.

"The above is a Copy of my first Draught of that Date which (lest it should not come to Hand) is now repeated by your Friend & Servant"

Robert Grace

The Letters &c were put into Capt. Annis's Bag, who is to sail in two Days. hence.

October 8th This being the Time for the Monthly Meeting of the Directors R. Grace, W. Parsons, H. Roberts, T. Cadwalader, T. Hopkinson, T. Godfrey, & J. Jones met at the Library, but no Business of Moment coming before them, they adjourn'd.

November 2^d 1733. This Evening all the Directors (but W. Rawle & H. Pratt who were out of Town) met at M^r Timothy's & looked over the Box of Books now rec^d from M^r Collinson, & found the Books & Invoice agreed with the List sent him the 1st of June, except as follows Viz^t Boyle's Works, Bacon's Essays, Jones's Synopsis, Epictetus, Mezeray & Mariana, not sent; & M^r Collinson added (which were not writ for) Shucford's Connection, Ellis's Farmer, Spectacle de la Nature, Parkinson's Flower Garden, Jesuit's Perspective, Remarks by Litchfield, Needler's Works, & Account of Georgia (Viz^t M^r Collinson's Catalogue & my Letter in Return - wrote under a Letter of private Concernment. - Viz^t -

P. A. Nov. 3^d 1733.

"On the 30th of last Month I rec^d your's convey-
ing a 2^d Bill of Lading for the Library Company's Box of Books
sent in the Snow Friendship James Craigie Master who was
not then arrived, but is since. Yesterday the Books came to
Hand in good Condition, & your Letter was delivered me by the
Widow Hockley's Son. - The inclosed for the Company I opened
before some of the Directors at the Library, where we looked
over the Books, observing yet no other Mistakes than Epic
-ides not sent, & 6 Historia Literariae sent which we had for-
merly. - You were very prudent in informing of the high



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"Prices of the scarce Books at the End of the Catalogue. Those which
"you have added are such as your Letter recommends them for
Nov^r. "You are in Advance & have not charged Commissions, so the
1733 "Company is doubly indebted. - I know the Directors will en-
"deavour to meet & return you a suitable Answer by this Ship,
"but she is hurrying away for fear of the Frost coming on
"suddenly as it did last year"

Yours &c J. B.

Nov^r 12th All the Directors (except H. Pratt) met at
the Library. What I wrote to Mr. Collinson was read, & con-
cluded on to be all that could now be returned, Capt. Wright being
sailed. - Mr. Timothee having copied over a Catalogue of the
new Books, & put down the Sums for the Borrowers to give
Notes for, the Directors added the Times for the Loans. And it
was agreed that Mr. Franklin should print new Catalogues
taking in all the Books belonging to the Library. -

Mr. Grace acquainted the Directors that he
had made use of the Trunk in which our first Parcel of Books
came, & that he (as he was going to sea in a few Days) would
now pay for it. - The Price he proposed was accepted, being 10/
which he paid into Mr. Timothee's Hands together with 6/6 a
Forfeiture for not returning a Book in Time. - Which 16/6
the Librarian received towards a Quarterly Payment soon
becoming due to him, & is to apply towards the same other
Forfeitures as he can collect them. -

December 10th 1733. At a Meeting of all the Di-
rectors (except Robert Grace who lately sailed for Barbados) it
was thought fit some proper Person of the subscribers to the
Library should chosen as a Director in the Room of Mr.
Grace; & the Directors present having each wrote a Name
on a piece of Paper, it appear'd on looking them over that
Anthony Nicholas had the most Votes; & I was ordered to
acquaint him that he had ~~the~~ been chosen Director
& was desired to attend the Meetings

I informed the Directors that I had received a
Letter a few Days past from Isaac Pennington (with his
Receipt inclosed) purporting his Mind to dispose of his Share
in the Library - he living remote. - Others informed

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that Louis Timothee late our Librarian, being gone for South Carolina, his share was also to be disposed of.

That Joshua Richey desired to be admitted a Member when there should be a Vacancy. — That Samuel Morris (who is mentioned to take Isaac Pennington's Room, in the Minute of Sept. 10th Antea) has taken up his Residence out of Town & declines being concerned in the Library. — And that Charles Read Jun^r having betaken himself to a sea-faring Life, would transfer his share to his Younger Brother. —

Ordered thereupon, that Samuel Carpenter (for whom Application was made y^e 10th of Sept. last) be acquainted with the Directors Permission that he purchase Isaac Pennington's share, & subscribe to the Library.

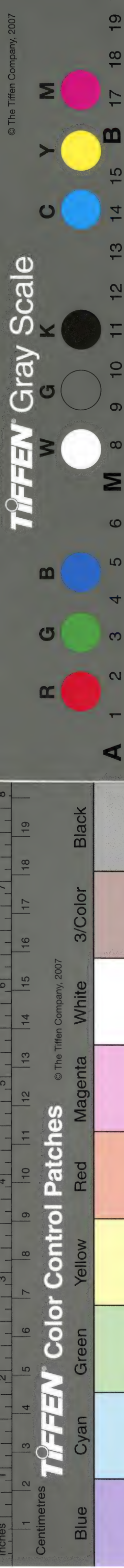
That Joshua Richey may likewise come in Louis Timothee's Room, if Timothee has indorsed his Receipts.

And that the Name of Charles Read Jun^r may yet remain, & his share (not transferred to his Brother Tommy) be more properly left to the Care of his Father.

B. Franklin mentioned Mr. Timothee's having been serviceable to him, & that he was willing to officiate for him as Librarian, until his current Year should be expired. This the rest of the Directors readily approved of; & as Mr. Franklin was joined with Mr. Timothee in an obligation for due Performance of that trust, it was thought sufficient that a Minute only should be taken for this purpose.

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January 14th - 1734. At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors at the Library (J. Jones only absent) some of the Directors mentioned the Application of several Persons, who were not Subscribers, to borrow Books at the Library. This Matter being largely discoursed on it was agreed, that all the Books of the first Parcel, & those which have been given, may be lent to all appliers. The Librarian receiving of each Borrower a Pledge in Money equal to the sum mentioned in the Notes of Hand of the Subscribers: to be forfeited if the Book or Books lent be not returned in the Time limited by the said Notes. which shall be express in every Note, that each Borrower aforesaid shall likewise at the time of borrowing subscribe to the Librarian. And also



that they shall pay 8^d. p^r. Week for all Folios, 6^d. p^r. Week for all
Jan^y. Quartos & 4^d. p^r. Week for others; and make good to the Librarian
1734 all Damages they the said Borrowers do or suffer to be
done to the Books whilst in their Custody.

Jan^y. 28th. / Mem^o. Joshua Richey (who was al-
lowed Dec^r. 10th. to subscribe the Library Instrument upon
purchasing Louis Timothee's share) signed, sealed & deliv-
-red the same: having first produced M^r. Timothee's Rec^t.
for the said purchase Money.

February 11th. 1734. / Present at M^r. Timothee's, at
a Monthly Meeting: B. Franklin, T. Hopkinson, T. Cadwa-
-lader, T. Godfrey, J. Jones J^r. H. Roberts & A. Nicholas Directors.
It was proposed & by a proper Majority of the said
Directors agreed that the Time of the Librarian's Attendance
should be only on one Day of the Week (it having been
found by Experience that the Borrowers of Books did not
commonly come to the Library on Wednesday; And it
having appear'd to the Directors one Day in the Week to
serve the Borrowers will be sufficient) & that the Day
of Attendance shall be Saturday & from Four in the
afternoon until Eight. That the Librarian's Salary
for his Service & finding a Fit Room for the Books shall
be at the Rate of Six Pounds p^r. Year, And this Salary to
begin next Day after the Expiration of this current Quar-
-ter - But yet that no Borrowers who have Books not
returnable so soon as the said Quarter Day shall suffer
by this new agreement And M^r. Franklin in Behalf of
M^r. Timothee agreed to continue to act as Librarian
and on these Terms.

March 11th. 1734. / At a Meeting at the Library
of all the Directors (but W. P. sick) it was inquired what
was due to the Librarian, & what Forfeitures he had re-
-ceived; & found that there was due to him 6 Pounds for
2 Quarters at 12 p^r. Annum - And that he, before his Depar-
-ture for South Carolina, & his wife since, had received
the Sum of £ 2. 14. 9. (including the 16/6 mentioned Nov^r.
12th. last) The Ballance due being £ 3. 15. 3 - the Treasurer
W. Coleman was ordered to pay to M^r. Timothee, & the
Directors present subscribed the Order.

And it appearing the Treasurer had no Money of the Com-
pany's in Hand, but was something in advance the Directors
March 1734 agreed to furnish him Viz. W. Rawle 10/ T. Cadwalader 10/ H.
Roberts 10/ H. Pratt 10/ A. Nicholas 10/ J. Jones 10/ T. Hopkinson 10/
& T. Godfrey 10/ — a Librarian to succeed M^r. Timothee
was then voted for & W^m. Parsons was chose. —

The Directors concluded that between this 2^d & 14th
Inst. said Parsons should receive the Books & Notes of Hand,
and that they would meet at his House the Evening of
that Day to sign Articles with him & receive Bond for
his Performance. —

April 8th 1734. At a Monthly Meeting at John
Robert's of a Committee of Directors Viz. B. Franklin, T. Cad-
walader, T. Hopkinson, T. Godfrey, W. Rawle, J. Jones, H. Pratt,
& W. Parsons with the Treasurer & Secy. the Librarian acquaint-
ed the Directors that the Backs of some of the Books appeared
to be worn & to want a speedy Reparation — whereupon it was
agreed by the Committee that all the Folio Books unbound
& such of the Quartos as now require it, shall be secured
with Parchment and that the Librarian shall deliver
them to M^r. Franklin for him to get it done in the fittest
manner. — It was also consulted whether any of the
Presses lately offered to the Library should be purchased to
put the Books in & it was concluded that only such Boxes
as were at present needful & like those in present use
should be procured by the Librarian of some Joiner or Car-
penter among the Subscribers. —

The Persons applying to come into the Com-
pany were mentioned Viz. James Hamilton, John Roberts
John Reminton & John Bard. and it being considered
that only two Subscribers were known of who would assign
their Shares (Viz. Tho^s. Potts, who living very remote finds
it impossible to comply with the Time of returning
Books, & Isaac Punnington whose Case is the same, &
that Sam^l. Carpenter who applied long since but of late
has not renewed his Application) the Committee put
it to the Vote, which of the said Applicants should come
in the Room of said Punnington & Potts, & Jas. Hamilton
& John Roberts were chosen. —

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It was agreed that the House to be advertised for the Place of our next Annual Election, should be this where the Directors are now met.

Mr. Robinson the Lawyer, by the Hands of Thomas Godfrey, presented the Library Company with two Books The one in 12^o. entitled Grotius De Jure Belli & pacis, & the other in 4^o. The Hist: of the Royal Society of London. Which Books the Committee kindly received & desired Tho! Godfrey to return their Thanks to Mr. Robinson —

Mem: the Librarian delivered his Bond (with W^m Coleman Surety) for performance of Articles, dated 14th Inst. And he & the Committee signed Articles of Agreement.

May 6th 1734. At the House of John Roberts there was an amicable Election, James Morris being chosen Treasurer & the following Persons Directors Viz.

William Pawle,	Thomas Godfrey,
Tho! Cadwalader,	Tho! Hopkinson,
Hugh Roberts,	Philip Syng,
John Jones,	William Coleman,
Benjamin Franklin,	Francis Richardson

who are to meet at the same Place on Monday 7th 13th Instant

Mem: the 2^d yearly Payment of 10/- was paid to W^m Coleman for every Subscriber from whom it was due: by those of them that were present, & for absent Persons by their Friends.

May 15th 1734. At a Meeting of all the Directors at the House of John Roberts, The late Treasurer W. Coleman produced his account Crediting a Ballance fr^o acct. delivered April 19th 1733 £ 18^{..} 15^{..} — And Cash rec^d. of 14 Subscribers last Year their first yearly Payment of 10/- each And of 45 Subscr. } £ 18^{..} 15^{..}
this year, & his own for two years. } 45^{..} 10^{..}

And Forfeiture once? of Mr. Timothee 6^{..} 15^{..}

And Cash recei^d. for D^r. Shaw's Subscription & first yearly Payment 2^{..} 10^{..}

And Debiting Cash fr^o Stephen Potts fr^o Order £ 67^{..} 10^{..} 0

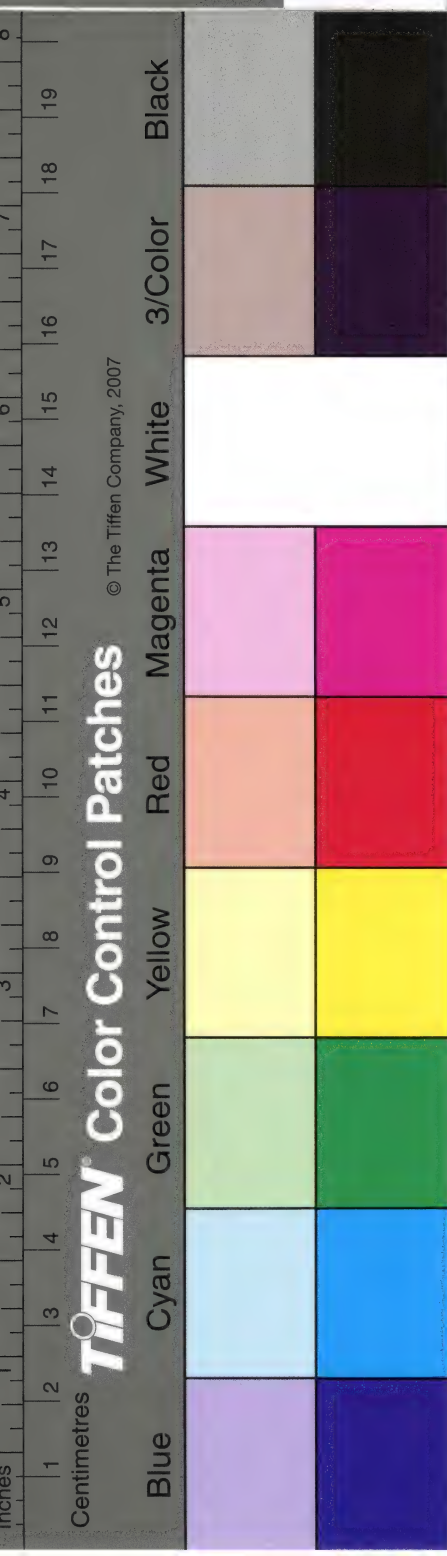
And to Louis Timothee 7^{..} £ 3 & 2 liq^r. Timothee £ 3^{..} 15^{..} 1^{..} 15^{..} 4

And Cash fr^o R. Grace for a Bill of Exch: £ 22^{..} 10/- Sterl. at 65 fr^o Cent. 10^{..} 2^{..} —

And closing the acct. with Ballance remaining in his Hands 13th May 1734 48^{..} 17^{..} 10

£ 18^{..} 12^{..} 2

£ 67^{..} 10^{..} —



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Under which Account is this Mem^d by^t. The Persons excused their Payments this Year 1734 on Acc^t. of Services are Joseph Breint-nall, Charles Brocken, Benj^t. Franklin & Philip Syng.

Which Account was examined & approved of, and his (W. Coleman's) Bond delivered up. The said Ballance of £18. 12. 2 - he paid into the Hands of Ja^s. Morris Treasurer and took his Receipt, & also delivered the said J. Morris his the said W. Coleman's Acct. — The Treasurer J. Morris gave Bond to the Directors for Performance of the Duties of his Office.

The Directors agreed to meet here a Week hence, or when sooner they should have Notice given them by T. Godfrey who is desired & hath undertaken to know if J. Logan Esq^r. will furnish the Directors with a Bill of Exchange to pay P. Collinson what he is in Advance. — to be sent by the next Ship. —

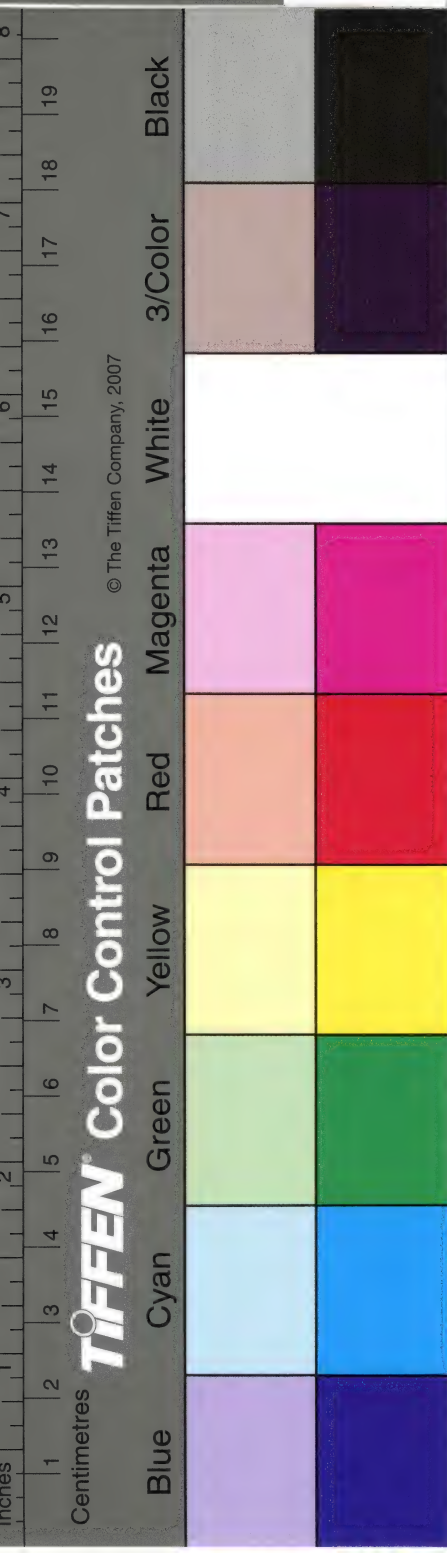
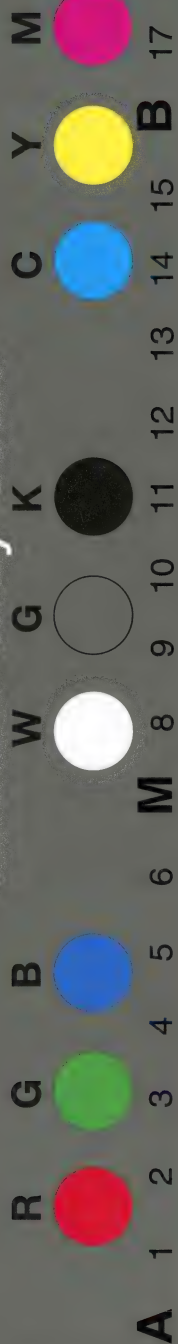
The Treasurer was ordered to pay 18^s. to Stephen Potts his Acct. for binding covering & backing of Books. — of which the Librarian also gave the Directors Information.

The Business of this Meeting was concluded with the Directors subscribing an Agreement to attend their Meetings at Times appointed, under a Penalty. —

May 23. 1734. There was at the House of John Roberts a Meeting of all the Directors and Officers of the Library Company - Except W. Rawle who was out of Town

Thomas Godfrey having informed that James Logan could not at present furnish the Company with a Bill of Exchange; and the Treasurer, that Tho^s. Bond had a good Bill of £6 = 10 = which he would sell for 68^s. 6^d. The Directors subscribed an Order to the Treasurer to buy the said Bill for the Use of the Company - and appointed B. Franklin & myself to write a Letter and transmit the Bill to Peter Collinson by the Ship that is going in a few Days. — The Directors agreed to admit 10 new Subscribers, & that at subscribing they shall pay three Pounds each; that Sum being esteemed the present Value of a Share. —

The Persons now mentioned & allowed to be of the Number of the new Subscribers are John Syng, Samuel Morris, John Stamp, Thomas Lloyd, Samuel Morris, William Plumstead, John Ward, with Ja^s. Hamilton & John Roberts, if the Persons (Tho^s. Potts and Isaac Pennington) whose Shares were allotted for them, do not



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speedily come & assign over their Shares to said Hamilton and Roberts.

May 29th Mr. Franklin having yesterday drawn a Draught of a Letter to Mr. Collinson to enclose the Bill of Exchange (which our Treasurer bought of Tho: Bond) to discharge what Mr. Collinson was so good as to advance for the Company, & to return him Thanks for his Benificence. &c I transcribed the Letter fairly (& enclosed the first Bill of the Sett) & delivered it to Mr. Rich^d Painter, Master of the Brig^t Mary, who sailed this Day.

June 10th 1734. Met at John Roberts's T. Cadwalader, T. Hopkinson, Ph: Syng, W. Coleman, B. Franklin & T. Richardson - Mr. Franklin undertook to get Certificates printed to Morrow and it was thought fit I should acquaint the Persons allowed of last Meeting that if they please to attend in the Evening at this Place they may subscribe to the Instrument of Partnership.

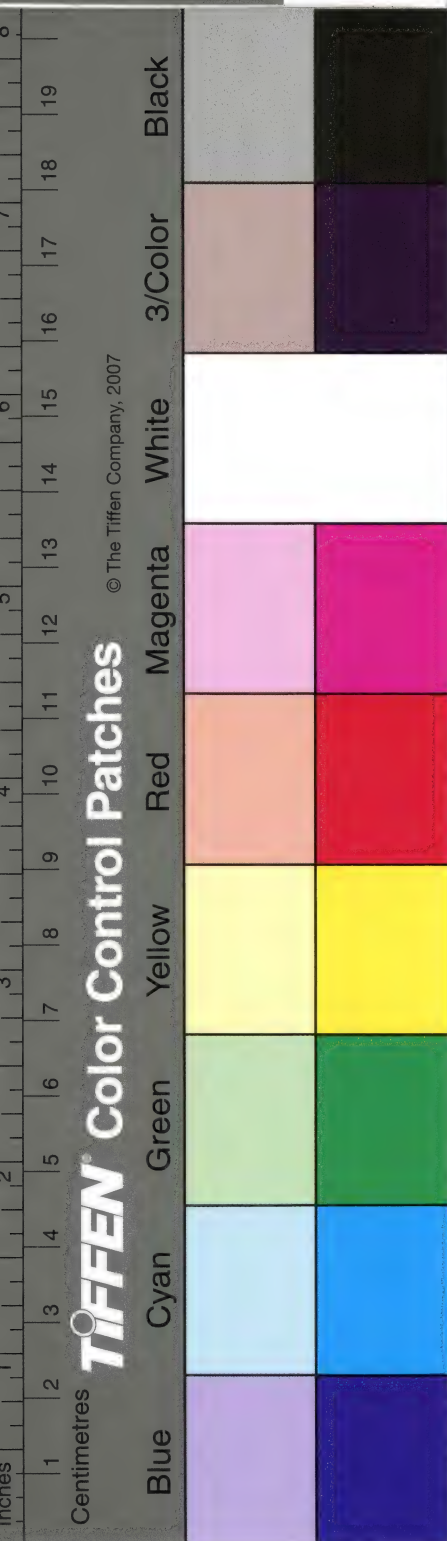
June 11th The Treasurer having got Certificates & seals fixt to them at B. Franklins, I appointed those Persons allowed to subscribe to meet at John Roberts's where in the Evening, came & executed in Presence of J. Taylor & R. Peters. Viz. Sa: Hamilton, W^m Plumstead, Ju: Syng, Ju: Bard, Ju: Roberts, Sam: Morris & Ju: Stampfer.

June 13th Sam: Morris having paid the Treasurer £3- & shew'd me his Certificate I went with him to Joseph Taylors where he subscribed the Library Instrument.

July 8th 1734. at a Meeting of 7 of the Directors (absent W. Rawle T. Godfrey & W^m Coleman) the Librarian produced a List of Books given to the Library Company by David Bush a Subscriber To whom the Committee by the Librarian, returned their hearty Thanks for so kind a Present - and let Mr. Parsons know he might lend out the same Books to Subscribers for such Time & take such Notes as his own Discretion directed him to, until a Committee should look them over & give further Orders.

The List is as follows. Viz.

Reflections on Aristotle's Treatise of Poetrie. by R. Bapin.
Les Provinciales, or the Mystery of Jesuitism
An exact Survey of the united Provinces.
The Travels of an English Gent^l from London to Rome, on foot.
The Pantheon of the Gods of the Heathens



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A Philosophical Epitaph, in Hieroglyphical Figures, wth Explanations

A Discourse concerning Time &c

Euclid's Elements

A Tutor to Astronomy & Geography.

The thirteen Books of Aeneidos translated into English Verse

Dialling Universal

Country Conversations

D^r Burnetts Travels

History of Hungaria and Transylvania

Present State of Virginia.

The English Hermit

The Christian Philosopher

Epitome of the Art of War

Medicin: Statica, or Rules for Health.

John Remington was mentioned as an Applicant to come into the Library Company, & was approved of. — The Committee agreed to meet here next Monday Evening (& that Notice should be given to the absent Members) to consult about sending to Boston for Books.

July 15th. At a Meeting of 8 of the Directors (J. Jones & H. Roberts absent) a List of Books was drawn out & made Choice of, from the Lists brought by several of the Committee, & delivered to B. Franklin to send with all convenient Speed to Boston to know if we can be supplied there, & at what Price.

July 22^d. Took to the Post Office a Letter to Peter Collinson to go tomorrow by Capt. Nathan Cowman in Ship Exchange —
Philad^a. 17th of July 1734.

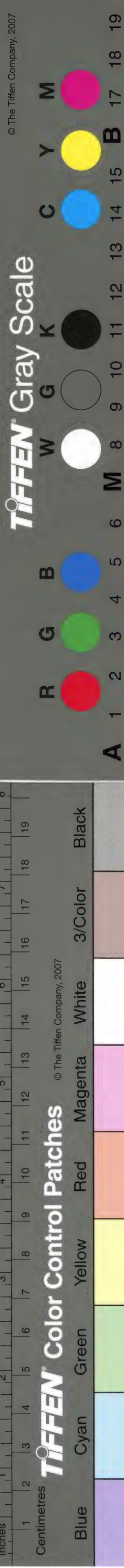
" Much respected Friend

" Peter Collinson

" The foregoing is a Copy fr. Capt. Painter —

" I now inclose the second of the aforementioned Bills lest the first should have miscarried. —

" As to Epictetus the Bookseller says right it is not charged but omitted. — He will do well to send it by the first Opportunity, with a Continuation of such Pamphlets & Sheets (from the last Numbers we have had) as come out Monthly or Weekly; which I know would oblige the Library Company, to be sent as fresh & frequently as may conveniently



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"be. The Historia Literaria must remain charged, the Directors will
"not return them after they have been used & soiled.

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"I am sincerely Yours &c.

"Joseph Breintnall"

August 12th 1734 At a Meeting of all the Directors and
Officers (except W. Coleman, I. Jones & T. Godfrey) at John Roberts's
B. Franklin reported that he had wrote & sent the Catalogue of
Books to Boston, but had not yet received an Answer. —

The Librarian laid before the Directors an Acc.^t
from Caspell and Maugridge for Boxes Boards & Nails amounting
to £1. 8. 1/2 For which J^r. Order of the Directors. indorsed & sub-
-scribed an Order on the Treasurer. —

Evan Bevan was mentioned as an Applicant to come
into the Company; who being approved of long ago but de-
-clining upon a Design of going to Carolina; the Directors
ordered a Minute, that he paying the Price of a share should
then be admitted to subscribe &c. —

August 17th Isaac Penington (who has not till now
been in Town since he proposed to me in Dec^r. last the dispo-
-sing of his share) called upon me to Day, to know if any Body
had taken it. — I told him that Nobody could properly, without
its being transferr'd under his Hand & Seal, and that the
Directors approved last Spring of John Roberts's purchasing
of it. — Whereupon he had paid Isaac's yearly Payment of 10/
at last Election (which he must be repaid) but that Isaac not
coming to Town the Directors permitted John Roberts to subscribe
among others of the Number of the second 50. Therefore Isaac's
share was yet to be disposed of, and perhaps might be to Anthony
Benezet, who yesterday desired W^m Parsons & me to mention his
Application to the Directors at their next Meeting. Upon
which Isaac wishing the Business to be determined to Day,
I went to every of the Directors (except T. Hopkinson, and
T. Cadwalader who were out of Town) & got their free Consent,
and accordingly writ an Assignment which Isaac executed
as did Anthony the Library Instrument. — Anthony paid
Isaac £3. — for his share: and Isaac left with me 10/
to reimburse John Roberts. —

August 29th — John Mifflin having spoke to the

Directors and got them to subscribe their Names to a few Words
 August written to shew their Consent, and paid James Morris Treasurer £3-
1734 for a share and had a Receipt accordingly; I went with him to
 the Witnesses Joseph Taylor & Rice Peters in whose Presence he
 sealed & delivered the Instrument of Partnership. —

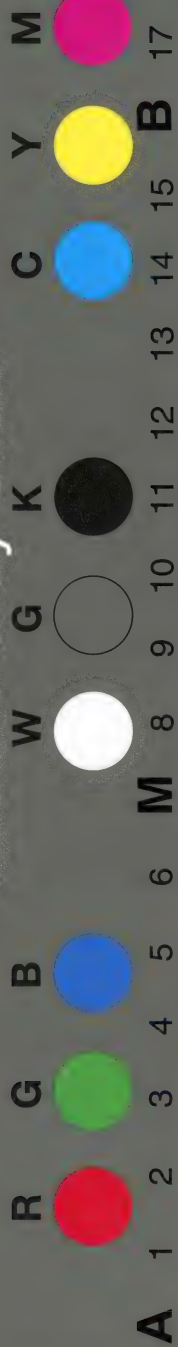
Sept.^r 9th 1734. At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's
 present the Directors & Treasurer. (Except T. Godfrey, W. Rawle,
 & T. Hopkinson absent) W. Franklin reported that the Books
 (in the Catalogue lately agreed on) were not to be had at Boston;
 the Committee therefore made some Alterations in the Catalogue
 and agreed to send to England for them by the next Ship, with
 a Request to W. Collinson to deal with a Book-seller that
 should use us well; the Directors suspecting that many of
 the last parcel were over charged — and to let us have them
 come bound. — W. Coleman to procure a Bill of Exchange for
 £17 — Sterl^y. to purchase these Books — and I to draw an Order
 on the Treasurer to pay for it. —

October 14th 1734. — At a Monthly Meeting of all the
 Directors at the House of John Roberts, the Catalogue of Books to be
 sent for to England by the next Vessel was agreed upon & an Order
 on James Morris Treasurer subscribed by the Directors to purchase
 a Bill of Exchange for £18 Sterl^y. not exceeding 70 p^{ts}. for it.

A Motion was made for an Address to our Proprietor
 John Penn Esq.^r lately arriv'd from England, and the Persons voted
 for to draw it up were B. Franklin & W. Coleman; who are to
 get it done by this Day Week, when the Directors are to meet
 here again to peruse it, & to choose Persons to present it. —

Octob.^r 21st The Directors met as above agreed, & W. Coleman
 laid before them a rough Draught of an Address, in which
 B. Franklin had not had Leisure to assist, but desired Time
 either till next Monthly Meeting, or if they could compleat it
 sooner then to inform me, & I to acquaint the Directors that
 they might meet — which was agreed to. —

November 11th 1734. At a Monthly Meeting of the Di-
 rectors at Jn.^r Roberts's (all present except T. Rawle. & T. Jones)
 James Morris Treasurer produced a sett of Bills of Exchange
 for £18 Sterl^y. — Peter Baynton's Draught on Josiah Wallis Merchant
 in London, which the Directors ordered me to take care of, &



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inclose one with the Catalogue to Peter Collinson; & to let
Mr. Collinson know they approved of his subscribing for the
Book of which he sent me a sheet entitled - Observations
Geographical, Physical & Miscellaneous, in the Kingdoms
of Algiers & Tunis in Egypt & Arabia Petraea, in Syria,
Phoenice & the Holy Land. - By The^r Shaw, AM &c -

Nov^r 13th Transcribed the Letter to Peter Collins on
of July 17th last, and writ under it another - which I put in
Capt. Wright's Bag at the Post Office. - Via. -
"Much esteemed Friend.

Philad^a Nov^r 13th 1734. -

"The foregoing is a copy of what I sent you by Capt.
"Cowman. - Yours of August 1st I received the 2^d Inst^t with a
"printed sheet for a Specimen of the curious Book for which you
"intend to subscribe for the use of the Library Company.

"I have shewn your Letter & the Proposals for the
"Book to the Directors, who approve of your subscribing for it.
"And are well pleased to hear the Bill of £6. 10. - is accepted.

"They have ordered me to return you their hearty
"Thanks for your faithful & generous Services, & request your
"further Care to procure for them the Books mentioned in the
"List enclosed, or so many of them as the Bill sent will pay for,
"together with your Subscription for the curious Book and
"Commission Shipping Charges and Insurance, with the ad-
"ditional Charge of Binding - for the Directors would have
"this Parcel come Bound. - Inclosed is a Bill of Exchange
"the first of the Sett for £18 Ster^g. - Peter Baynton's Draught
"on Josiah Wallis payable to yourself. which we doubt not
"will be readily accepted

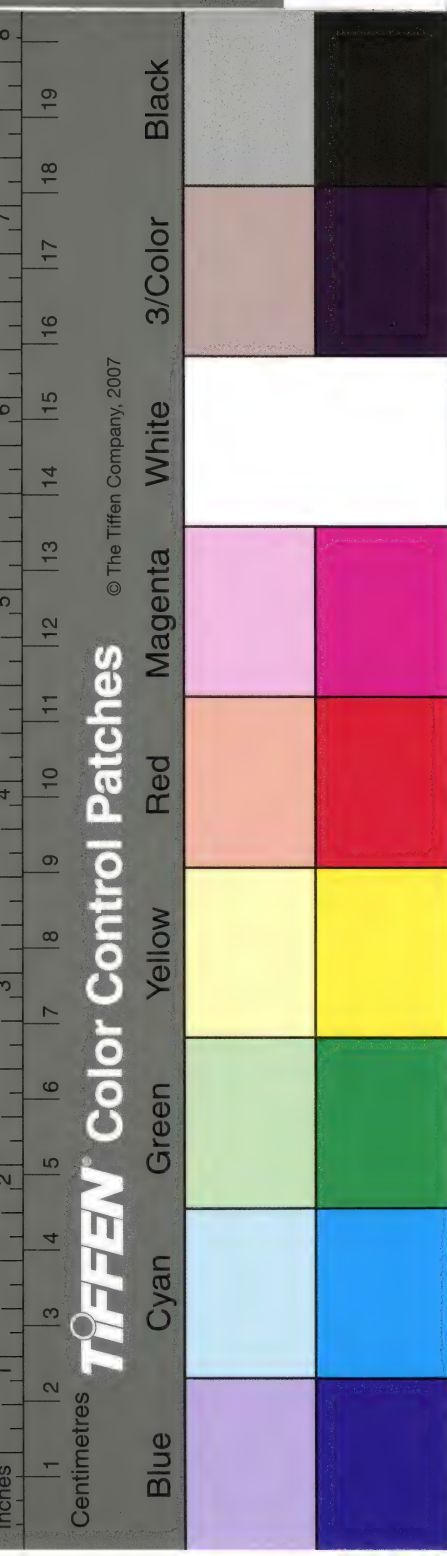
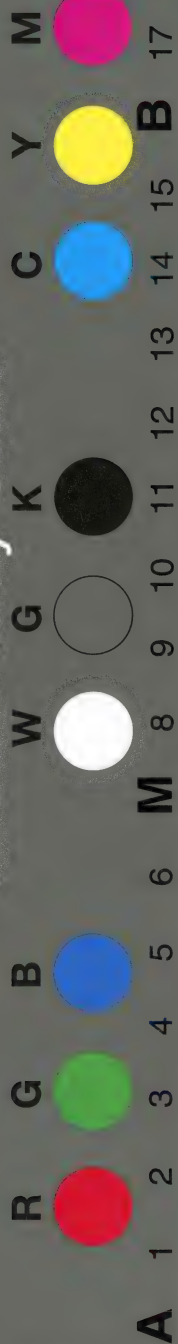
"I am with much Respect

"Your Friend

"Joseph Breintnall"

Catalogue

A Collection of Papers between Leibnitz & D^r Clarke &c
An Essay on the Dry by M^r Clarke of Hull
Thomson's Seasons, with his Sophonisba
Watts's Lyric Poems.



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Gay's Fables
Cowley's Works 2 Vol.^s in 12^{mo} -
Pope's Epistles
Burnet's Hist^y of his own times, 12^{mo} 4^{to}
Hist^y of the Low Countries -
Shaw's Abridg^{mt} of Boyle's Phil^s Works.
Steel's Dramatic Works
Purchaser's & Builder's Dict^y by R. Newe
Reflect^{ns} on Accuracy of Style.
Hist of the Turkish Empire
Raleigh's History continued
Josephus's Works
Life of Peter the Great
Tully's Works in English
Blair's Botanic Epics, with Cuts
The Gentleman's Library
Italian Dict^y by Altieri
Life of y^e Duke of Marlborough

A Collection of 300 Epigrams
Waller's Works in 12^{mo} -
Pope's Works in 12^{mo} -
Neil's Hist^y of New England
Oranami's Mathemat^{ic} Recreations
William Penn's Works
Vers of H. William & L. Ann
Turner's Art of Surgery. 2 Vol.^s
Ludgrave's Acc^t of Guinea
History of the Greeks
Bayle's Diction^y continued
Hudibras
Horace in English
Philipps's Pastorals
Bacon's Nat. Phil^s abridg^d
Spanish Dictionary
The Lady's Library
Salmon's Modern History.

Nov^r 15th To prevent a Disappointment I inclosed another
Bill & Copy of the List of Books to P. Collinson by another Parcel
"Respected Friend
"Peter Collinson.

"Above is a Copy of my Letter by Capt. Wright
"this comes by Capt. Ashton in the Ship Hopewell to inclose the
"2^d Bill of the Sett aforementioned & a Duplicate of the List of
"Books. It is said both the Ships will sail Tomorrow.

"I should acquaint you that the Directors think
"many of the Books of the last Parcel are over charged, & request
"you to enquire into it, that the Company may be as well
"used by their Bookseller. as they are by you

I am your sincere Friend

Joseph Breintnall

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Mem^o By a Letter I received from Peter Collinson the
Decem^r 20th of last Month, he informs me that he only waited the express
1734. Orders of the Company what Books to send, and that he now
 having Instructions (Vide my Letter to him the 17th July past)
 he shall send them at all convenient Opportunities. — And that
 he had now sent two Parcels inclosed in Mr. Tho^s Penn's Box,
 with Epictetus by itself — But the Ship going down when he
 received my Letter he had not Time to get ready the *Historia*
Letterarias. He also informs that J. Adams has paid the Draught
 of £ 6^{..} 10^{..} — Note the Proprietor sent the Books to B.
 Franklin, & he delivered them to W^m Parsons Librarian the
 30th of last Month. — There were 16 London Magazines ending to
 the Month of August last; 13 Numbers of Bayle's Dictionary com-
 pleting the first Volume. (including in the 13th a Preface, and an
 Appendix by itself) And Epictetus's Morals with Simplicius's
 Comments in one Octavo Volume. — But there is a Mistake in
 the Dictionary, two of N^o 15 being sent, & no N^o 16, so that we
 want the Pages between 482 & 515; of which Mistake I have
 given P. Collinson Information by a Letter I writ to him
 this Day, the 7th of December. —

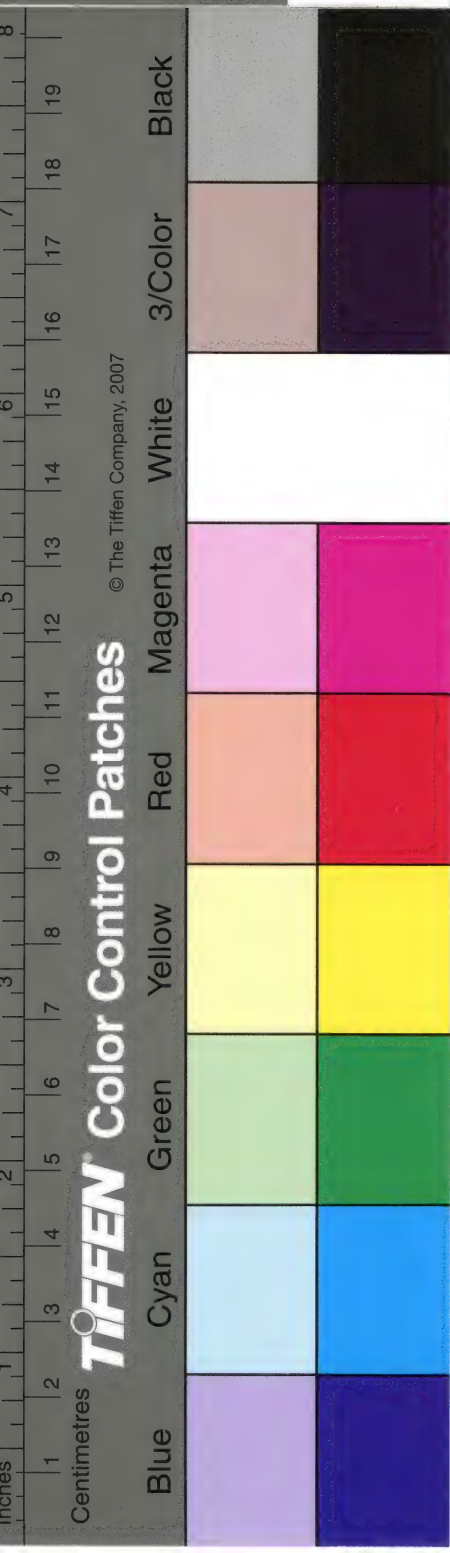
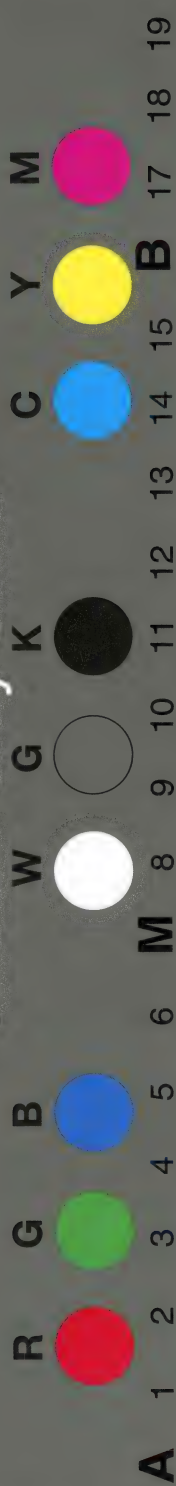
December 9th 1734. Present at a Monthly Meeting
 at John Roberts's, T. Godfrey, T. Godfree Cadwalader, T. Hopkinson,
 P. Syng, W. Coleman, B. Franklin & T. Rawles with the Librarian
 and Secret^y. — It was agreed that as the Address to John Pen Esq^r.
 hath been so long delay'd, it shall be laid by until the Library
 Company's Election Day in May next, when it shall be pro-
 posed to the whole Meeting of Subscribers. — And that I shall
 return by Capt. Marshall now bound for London, one of the
 N^o 15's of Bayle's Dictionary, mentioned above, lest the Book-
 seller for want of that should loose a Volume. —

To P. Collinson

"Respected Friend

Philad^a 10^{br} 10th 1734.

"The Directors having a Meeting
 "last Night, they ordered me to endeavour to return one the N^o 15's
 "of the Dictionary, lest the Bookseller for want of it should lose
 "a Volume. Therefore it goes herewith by Capt. Marshall. 'Tis
 "hardly worth while to send back an Overplus Magazine that
 "came among the last; but it may be of service to the Bookseller



"to remember him that the Magazines received end with the Month
 " of August 1734 — The Litterarias with N^o 22 the 4th of Vol: 4;
 Decem^r Bayle's Dictionary with the Parts compleating the 1st Vol. (except
 1734 "N^o 16 to be sent us) and Raleigh's History of the World with Book 3.
 "Page 416.

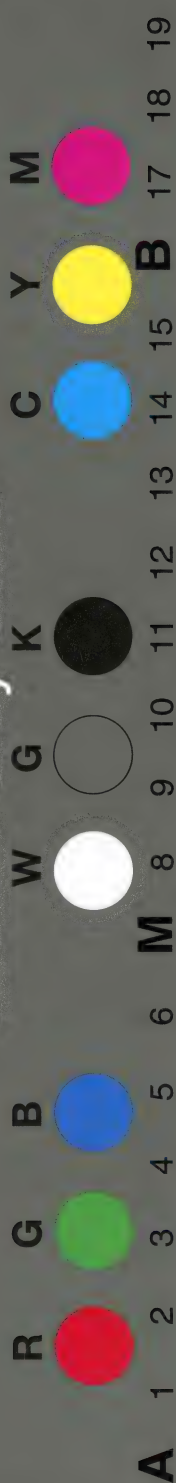
"Thone

"Joseph Breintnall,

January 13th 1735. — Present at a Monthly Meeting at
 John Roberts's all the Directors & Officers of the Library Company
 (except H. Roberts) when the Librarian produced a Book in 8^{vo} presented
 the Company by John Robinson Lawyer. It is entitled, a Treatise
 of the Corruption of Scriptures, Councils & Fathers, By the Prelates,
 Pastors & Pillars of the Church of Rome, For Maintainance of Popery.
 By Tho^s James, Student &c 1688 — For which the Directors returned
 Thanks. — Benjamin Eastburn personally presented, The Elements
 of Astronomy, Physical & Geometrical — By David Gregory MD &c
 Ordered that B. Franklin print a Catalogue against the
 next Meeting, of all the Books in the Library — a sufficient Number
 that each Person concerned may have one. —

The Librarian informing the Directors that the Backs
 of the Covers of the Vol¹ of Rapin's History & some other Books are
 wore off or much damaged, he is ordered to get all such repaired. —
 And the Librarian is ordered to furnish the Library as soon as he
 well can with a Copy of each of the three Charters viz. the Royal
 Charter, to the Prop^r W^m Penn Esq^r & his to this Province & City. —

February 10th 1735. At a Monthly Meeting of all the
 Directors (except S. S.) with the Librarian & Secretary, at the
 House of John Roberts. — B. Franklin mov'd to the Directors, on
 Behalf and at the Request of George Boone an early Subscriber
 that as the said George had joined with us for the Encouragement
 of the Library at a Time when there was but a bare Probability
 of Success, & had from time to time paid his Subscription Monies,
 but because of his remote Living (which is 50 Miles from Town) he
 had not yet borrowed any of the Books of the Library, lest he
 should not return them within the limited Times, and that
 therefore the Directors would be pleas'd to indulge him with
 some longer time than is allowed to other Subscribers (who all
 live in Town or near it) for the Return of a few Books he would borrow.



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Whereupon the Directors considering the Merits & Circumstances of his particular Case, and resolving not to make their present Vote a precedent in any different Case, & always to be at their own Liberty, did agree & direct the Librarian to lend to the said George Boone, at any Time before the Day of the next Election any of the Books that are usually lent at one time, for the Space of two Weeks longer than the customary allowance. —

Stephen Potts's Account for binding & backing of Books &c being produced, amounting to 39/- & the Treasurer being out of Pocket, W^m Rawle, W. Coleman, P. Lyng, T. Cadwalader & T. Hopkinson undertook to advance & pay into the Treasurer's Hand to Morrow their Ten Shillings a piece, and the Directors bid me indorse the Account, with an Order to the Treasurer to pay it — which I did.

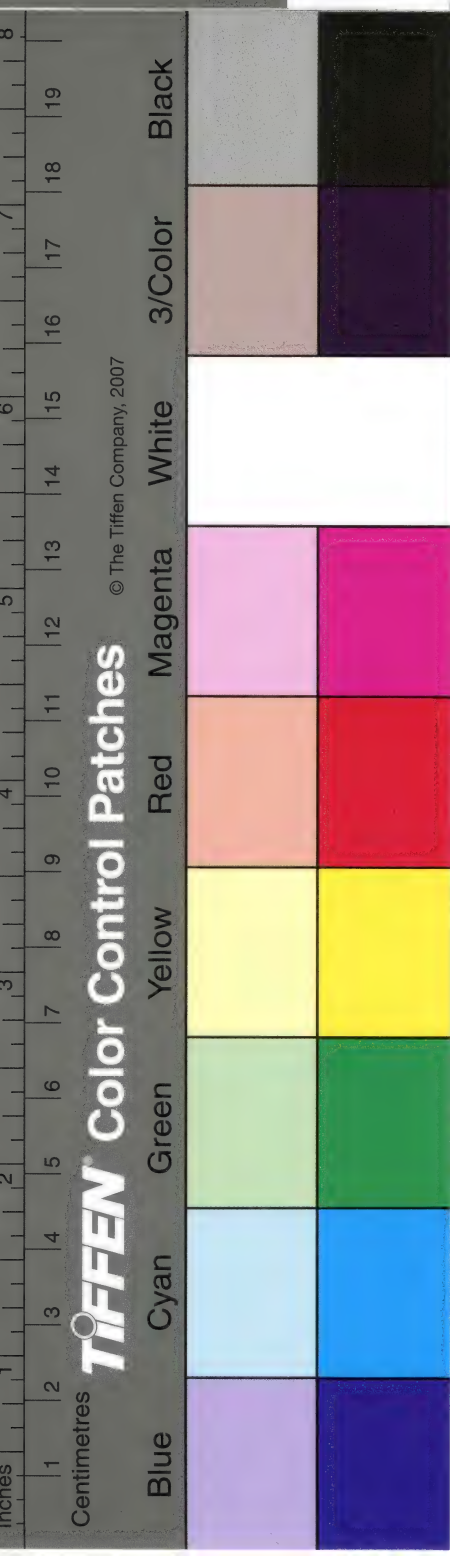
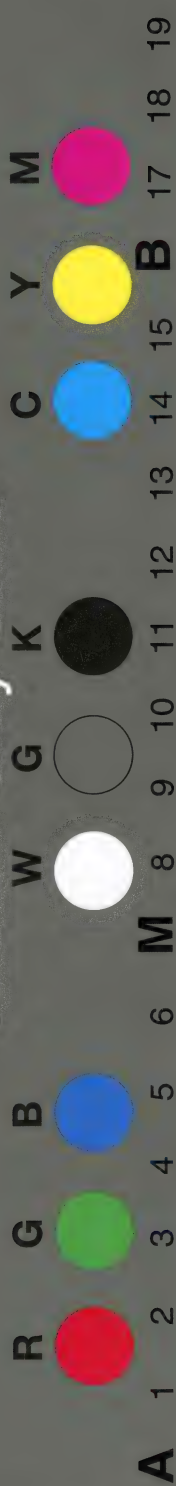
March 10th 1735. There was a Monthly Meeting of the Directors at John Roberts's (except absent J. J. & W. C.) but nothing transacted to be omitted. —

April 14th 1735. Present at a Monthly Meeting all the Directors & Officers of the Library (except A. R. & T. G.) at John Roberts's. — The Affair of addressing the Proprietor was discussed and it was agreed he should be addressed immediately after the next general Meeting of the Company, the Day of Election, which will be the 5th of next Month. — The Persons chosen to prepare the Address are B. Franklin, W. Coleman, T. Hopkinson & J. Breintnall; & to present it, J. Hamilton, W. Plumstead, W. Rawle, T. Cadwalader, B. Franklin, T. Hopkinson and J. Breintnall.

It was agreed B. Franklin should not print a Catalogue of the Books until we received those last Fall sent for, or heard from P. Collinson, which is expected to be in a short time. — Agreed that the next Election be here. —

I not being at last Meeting did not hear till now that Alexander Duchterlong did then present the Company (by Fra^s Richardson) An Essay on Health & long Life in 8^{vo} by D^r Cheyne. —

B. Franklin now informed, that James Logan Esquire gave his kind Respects to the Directors, & a promise of a handsome present of Books; & that Mr. Logan had already deliv^d.



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him two Folios viz. The Lives of the Popes, & royal Commentaries of Peru, both translated into English by Paul Rycaut, — And that John Lober had made a Present to the Company of 5 Books viz. Dampiers Voyages 8^{vo} — Lucretius by Creech 8^{vo} — Collection of Letters ancient & modern 8^{vo} — compleat History of the Affairs of Spain 8^{vo} — & a french Book, La Tauffeld des Vertus Humaines par Monf. L'Esprit Vol. 1. 12^{vo} — The Directors gratefully accepted these Presents & returned their Thanks to the Donors. H H H H H H H

April 18th 1735. — Peter Collinson having sent us a Trunk of Books Mr. Capt. Richmond, several of the Directors met this Evening at the Library Room & took out the Books. Upon comparing them with the List of last November we find they agree; except that instead of Letteraries we have 17 of the present State of the Republic of Letters; & that some Books are not sent as being out of Print or very dear & scarce viz. Salmons History — Collection of Epigrams, Shaw's Abridgement of Boyle's Works, Life of the Duke of Marlborough History of the Turkes, But for the last he hath sent a Sheet of Proposals for printing by Subscription the History of the Ottoman Empire from the first Foundation to the present Time.

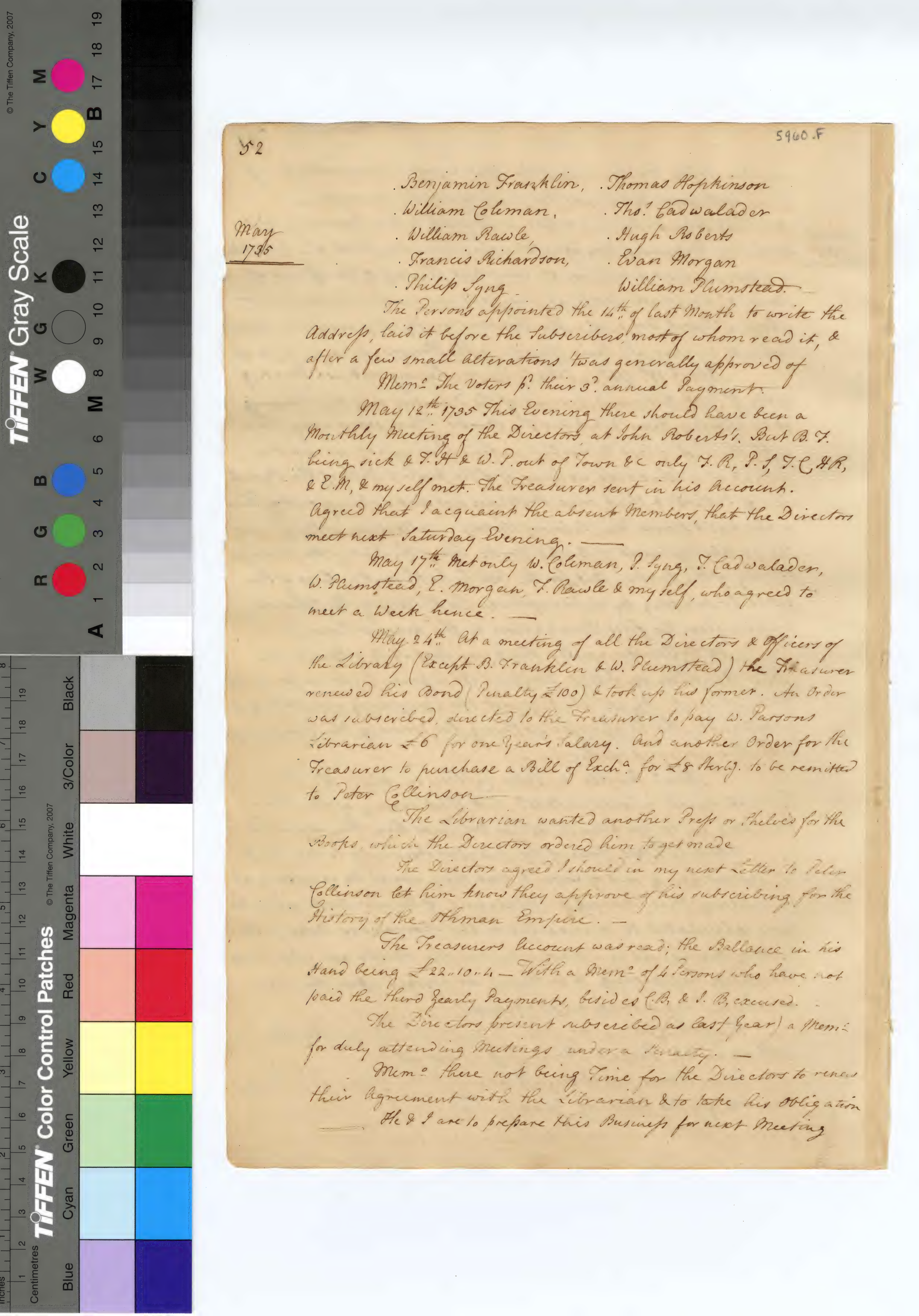
Mr. Collinson writes that our last Bill of Exchange (Peter Baynton on Josiah Wallis £18) is paid; & credits for it in Account sent. By which Account the Company owes £5. 19. 3 to Ballance, tho' he charges nothing for serving the Company. Vide his generous Letter.

Mem^o. To write to Peter Collinson that the Directors had not much miscalculated, but that many of the Books had come in larger & much dearer Volumes than they expected.

April 26th 1735. Some of the Directors observing to me that Mr. Parsons being out of Town & that there would be wanting at the Library this Evening a Catalogue of the new Books with the Sums calculated to be inserted in the Borrowers Notes & the Term of the Loans &c I went & viewed the Books and (Benjamin Franklin happening to be there) we agreed upon the Time, on which I drew such a Catalogue.

May 5th 1735. — at John Roberts's we had an Election. with as much Peace & Friendship as usual.

James Morris was chosen Treasurer & the following Persons Directors for the ensuing Year — viz.

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Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Hopkinson
William Coleman, Tho^d Cadwalader
William Rawle, Hugh Roberts
Francis Richardson, Evan Morgan
Philip Lyng, William Plumstead.

The Persons appointed the 14th of last Month to write the Address, laid it before the Subscribers, most of whom read it, & after a few small alterations 'twas generally approved of
Mem^o The Voters p^d their 3^d annual Payment.

May 12th 1735 This Evening there should have been a Monthly Meeting of the Directors, at John Roberts's. But B. F. being sick & T. H. & W. P. out of Town & only T. R., P. S., T. C. & R., & E. M., & my self met. The Treasurer sent in his Account.

Agreed that I acquaint the absent Members, that the Directors meet next Saturday Evening. —

May 17th Met only W. Coleman, P. Lyng, T. Cadwalader, W. Plumstead, E. Morgan, T. Rawle & my self, who agreed to meet a Week hence. —

May 24th At a meeting of all the Directors & Officers of the Library (except B. Franklin & W. Plumstead) the Treasurer renewed his Bond (Penalty £100) & took up his former. An Order was subscribed, directed to the Treasurer to pay W. Parsons Librarian £6 for one Year's Salary. And another Order for the Treasurer to purchase a Bill of Exch^g for £8 Sterlg. to be remitted to Peter Collinson.

The Librarian wanted another Press or Shelves for the Books, which the Directors ordered him to get made.

The Directors agreed I should in my next Letter to Peter Collinson let him know they approve of his subscribing for the History of the Ottoman Empire. —

The Treasurers Account was read; the Balance in his Hand being £22.10.4. — With a Mem^o of 4 Persons who have not paid the third yearly Payments, besides C. B. & J. B. excused.

The Directors present subscribed as last Year) a Mem^o for duly attending Meetings under a Penalty. —

Mem^o there not being Time for the Directors to renew their Agreement with the Librarian & to take his obligation
He & I are to prepare this Business for next Meeting

May 1796 I informed the Directors that Israel Pemberton Jun^r who is shortly going England, offers any Service for the Company - The Directors thank him - And that John Langdale desires to be permitted to subscribe; Jacob Durburrow having offer'd to sell him his share - which the Directors allow of. -

May 28th - Jacob Durburrow transfer'd his share unto ~~John~~ Langdale who subscribed the Instrument of Copartnership and sealed & delivered it according to Form - Consid^d. Money £3^{..}10^{..}0

May 31th - Mon^r: At the Time the Persons nominated to wait on the Proprietors with the Company's Address, would have done it, the Proprietors were at Pennsbury. - But they lately returning I copied it out, and James Hamilton delivered the Copy to the Proprietor who was pleas'd to appoint the Time viz. 11 o'Clock to Day to receive it; & between 11 & 12 it was presented by Jas^r Hamilton, W. Plumstead, William Rawle, T. Cadwalader, T. Hopkinson & myself. J. Hamilton read & delivered it, & it was kindly rece^d. and answered by our Prop^r John Penn Esq^r. -

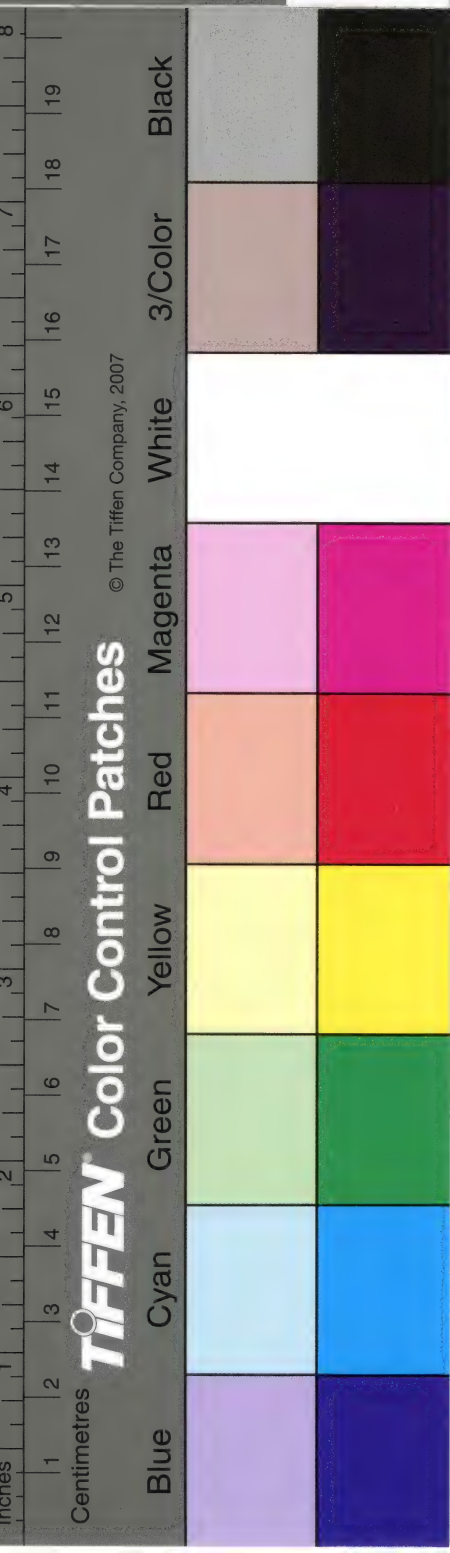
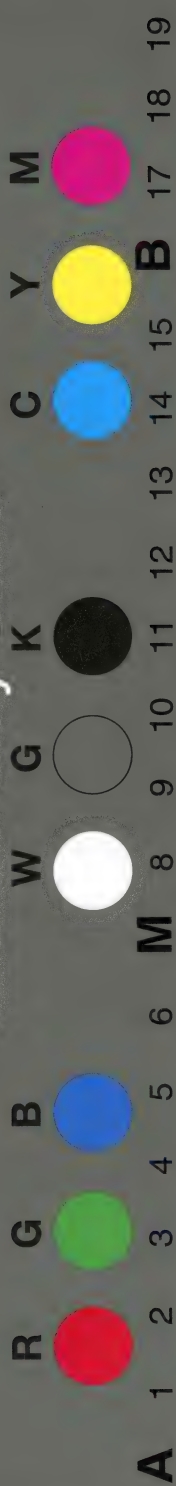
The Address was in the following Words. -

To the Honourable John Penn Esquire
one of the Proprietors of the Province of Pennsylvania -
The humble Address of the Library Company
of Philadelphia -

" May it please your Honour.

" The Library Company of Philadelphia, as
" they are Pennsylvanians, finding themselves under the strongest
" Ties of Gratitude & Affection to your honble Family, from which
" so many valuable Privileges are derived to the People of this
" Province, take this first Opportunity of expressing the Satisfac-
" tion they feel, in thus having two of their honble Proprietors
" among them. -

" As nothing can be more glorious than the true Patriot
" whose sole View is the public Good; so no one ever merited that
" Title more justly than the great & honble Founder of this
" Province; That excellent Constitution it enjoys, so perfectly
" adapted to the true Ends of Government, Security & Freedom
" clearly demonstrates the Wisdom & Humanity of that great & good
" Man your Father, who first modell'd & established it; And with
" Pleasure we observe, that the same Wisdom and the same



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"benevolent Disposition. is the distinguishing Character of
"his Successors. —

"As so excellent a Form of Government hath been
"answerable to the beneficent Views of the Author of it, in
"making this a flourishing Colony, it is not to be wondered at
"that some Men (proceeding upon different Schemes, and of Course
"falling vastly short in the great Work of peopling a new Country)
"should burn with Envy & ill-Will against your noble House;
"and labour, tho' we hope impotently, to injure those whom
"they have not Minds gen'rous enough to imitate: —

"Addresses are some times took'd upon as Matter of
"mere form and Compliment, and perhaps to such as make
"Use of Power only to serve themselves, and promote their own
"particular Interests, they can consist of little else; but he
"must be a Stranger to our Charter, and the singular Privi-
"leges we enjoy, who suspects of Insincerity the highest Express-
"ions of Gratitude from the People of Pennsylvania to their
"Proprietors. —

"What now seems most necessary to increase the
"Happiness of a Country possess'd of so many Advantages,
"is the promoting of Knowledge & Virtue, that the Inhabitants
"may know how to esteem those Advantages as they ought
"and appear not unworthy of them — To which the erecting
"a publick Library in this City, we hope may in some Ma-
"nure contribute.

"That Virtue, Learning & true Religion, may
"increase and flourish, under the Encouragement and
"Protection of your honourable House, is our earnest Wish
"and hearty Endeavour" —

Signed by Order of the Library Company
Joseph Brin'nall Secy.

June 5th 1735 Having copied the above Address for B. Franklin
to print, and the Proprietors Secretary having help'd us to the Answer
in writing, they were published in the Gazette of this Day.
The Answer as follows viz.

Gentlemen

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June 1735 "express for my self and Family in this Address. I agree with
"you that the encouraging of Virtue and useful Knowledge
"will be of very great Service to this Province; and I shall
"always be ready with Pleasure to promote so good and
"necessary an Undertaking as the erecting a Publick Library
"in this City". —

June 9th — At a Monthly Meeting of all the Directors
(except B. F. & W. R.) the Treasurer informing that he had made
Inquiry of several Persons, but fell of procuring a Bill of Exch.
he was advised by some of the Directors where to make further
Inquiry. — I laid before the Directors a rough Draught of
a Letter to Peter Collinson concerning his late Negotiations
for the Company, which after some small Abridgements was
agreed to. — Francis Richardson acquainting the Directors
that Robert Bolton was desirous to subscribe for his Son, it was
thought fit to allow him so to do, if he could purchase a Share
of one of the distant Members who on acct. of their Remoteness
are willing to sell. — viz Tho. Potts & George Boone.

Thomas Hopkinson undertakes to go to the Library
to morrow & assist the Librarian in looking over the last parcel
of Books, in order that I may inform our Correspondent P. Collinson
for such Mistakes or Neglects as our Bookseller ought to be account-
able for. — The Letter before mentioned is as follows — viz.

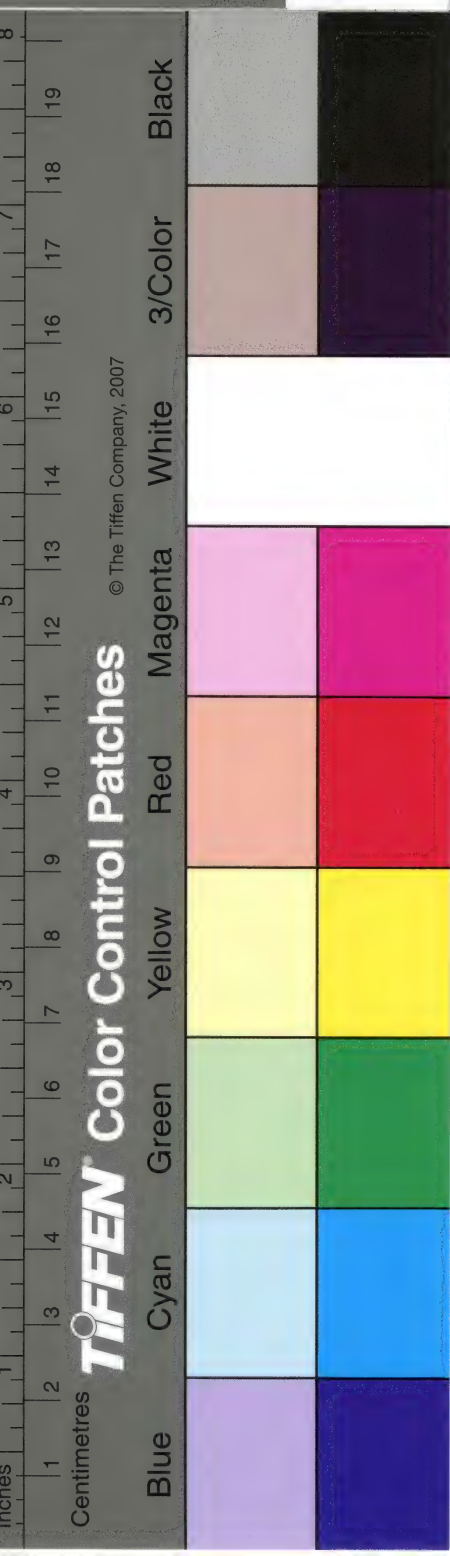
"Respected Friend

Philad^a June 9th 1735.

"Peter Collinson

"The Directors of the Library Company of
"Philadelphia have received your kind Letters of 4th 24th & 29th Januar.
"and 1st of March, with the Trunks of Books amounting to £22.18.8
"and N^o 16 of Bayle's Dictionary, and your Account wherein you
"give Credit for their Bill of Exchange of £18. Sterl^y. The Directors
"take Notice there is due to Ballance on the whole Account
"£5.19.3 from them; and they have ordered their Treasurer to
"purchase a Bill to be remitted you for £8. Sterl^y. out of which you
"are to be paid. —

"They had not widely miscalculated for their last Order for
"Books, but that many of the Books are come in larger & dearer Volumes
"than they expected. — They are obliged for your Informations of —



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"such Books as are out of print or high priced. They request
June" you will observe to the Book-seller that he has sent 17 of the
1735 "present State of the Republic of Letters, instead of Litteraria's.
"and you may be pleased to mention to him, that Blairs
"Botanicks is said in the Title Page to be with Plates, and has
"not any in it.

"The Directors approve of your subscribing for the
"History of the Ottoman Empire for them. And as to the Repub-
"lic of Letters they don't return them, but expect they shall
"not be overcharged for them as they did not write for such, and
"are so much the longer without the Litteraria's.

"The Bookseller may please to mind what I wrote the
"10th December last, concerning the Numbers we had sent us
"of the Magazines, Litterarias, Bayle's Dictionary, & Raleigh's
"History; which will assist him to be regular for the Future.

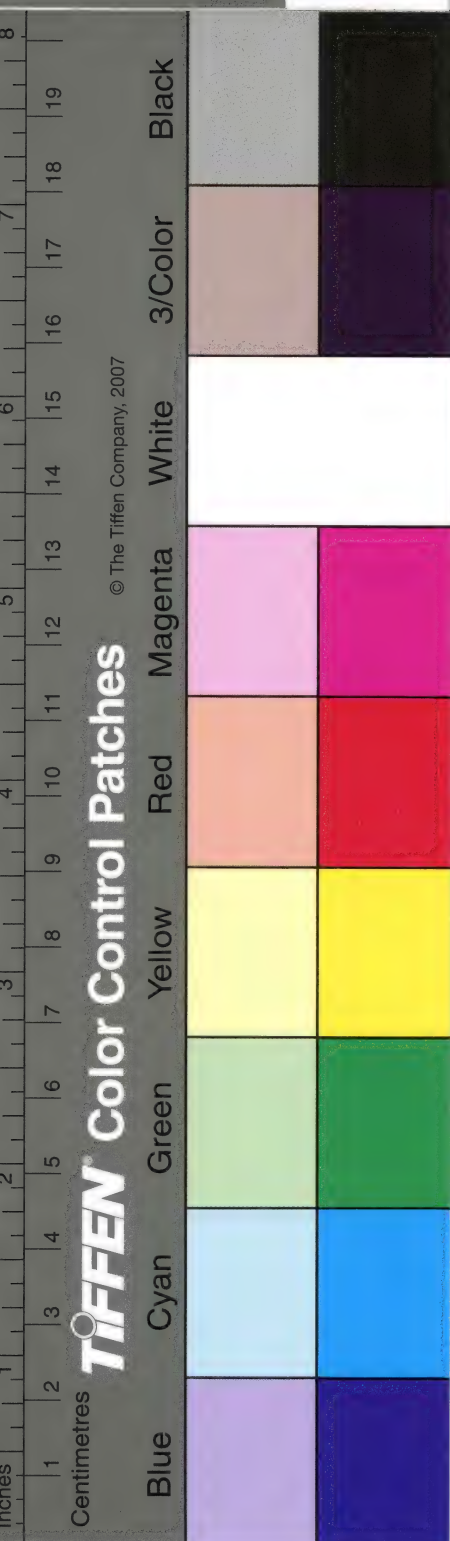
"I am your loving Friend

"Joseph Breintnall"

"J. S. June 14th - Our Treasurer has taken Pains, but can
"not at this time procure a Bill to our liking. - One of the
"Directors finds fault with the Book-seller, & having given me
"his observations in Writing I inclose a copy of them - tho the
"other Directors gave me no positive Orders to say more than
"what is contained in what I have above writ". J. B. -

June 26th 1735. - Note Israel Pemberton Jun^r who was
to take my Letter went away in a Hurry. - I sent it in Capt.
Cough Via Bristol with a Passenger who will take it to London.

July 14th 1735 At a Monthly Meeting of all the Directors
(except W. R. & P. S.) and other Officers (except myself) it was
moved & agreed to that Robert Bolton be allowed to subscribe
as one of the 10 which the Directors the 23^d of May last Year
agreed to admit, And also that Tho^s Griffiths be allowed to
subscribe for the Use of his Son Isaac. - Those two Subscribers
will complete the 10, which added to the first 50 make the
Number of the Subscriber Co. - Note John Roberts, who
subscribed the 11th of June last Year, ^{not} having paid the
Subscription Monies is to have his Name cross'd and his
Subscription be made void until he renews his Application,



and makes payment. And Tho: Lloyd (who is mentioned among the persons allowed of in the Minute of the 28. of May last) not having yet subscribed is not to be reckoned a Member.

July 1735 August 11th 1735 At a monthly Meeting of all the Directors (except B. F. & I. M.) nothing was done to be minuted, but a verbal Order to the Treasurer to buy Gold at 20 ft. 6. to remit to Peter Collinson, because a good Bill for £8. can't be had.

September 8th 1735 At a monthly Meeting of all the Directors & Officers (except B. F.) The Treasurer brought two Sets of small Bills of Exch: which he had purchased for the Company, and two Letters of Advice with them directed to the persons on whom they were drawn; which the Directors ordered me to inclose to Peter Collinson.

Thomas Hopkinson brought a Present from Johannes Matheus Kramer, of a Book (in loose sheets) which Mr. Kramer translated from the Latin into High Dutch, intituled *Tellus Livius in Nuce &c* for which the Direc^{rs} returned Thanks.

Copy of a Letter to Peter Collinson

"Much esteemed Friend.

Philad^a Sept. 10th 1735.

"Not doubting but my last of June 9th is come to your Hands, this serves only to cover the first of each Set of two Bills of Exchange remitted you by the Directors of Library Company. One for £3. 11. 11 Sterlg. drawn by Edward Dorsey on Isaac Milner, & payable at 30 Days Sight to John Hufpay, indorsed by John Hufpay Tho: Campbell - And the other for £3. 8. 1 Sterlg. drawn by Edward Dorsey on William Black & payable at 30 Days Sight to John Hufpay indorsed as the first, with a Letter to each of them the said Milner & Black from the Drawer. -

Yours

Joseph Brintnall

Mem^o the 3^d October 1735 I received from on board the Ship Prince Eugene Capt. Wright, a Parcel from P. Collinson viz. 6 Republic of Letters from November 1734 to April 1735 inclusive; 6 London Magazines being an Appendix & five others Monthly ending with May. 6 L^d Walter Raleigh's History from n^o 52 to 64 inclusive, 13 Bayley's Dictionary History n^o 52 to 64 inclusive.

October 17³⁵ With the Book Sellers Acct. of the Prices and his Letter to Mr. Collinson which Letter containing the Reason of the Republic of Letters being sent instead of the Litterarias, I will here copy it with ^{the} Acct. viz.

"Mr. Collinson.

"I find N^o 23 of Historia Literaria was the last that was published for which Reason we concluded to send from ^{that} Time the Republic of Letters; the Underwritten are continued from the Time we sent last & are all right

"Your hble. Serv^t

W. Meadows

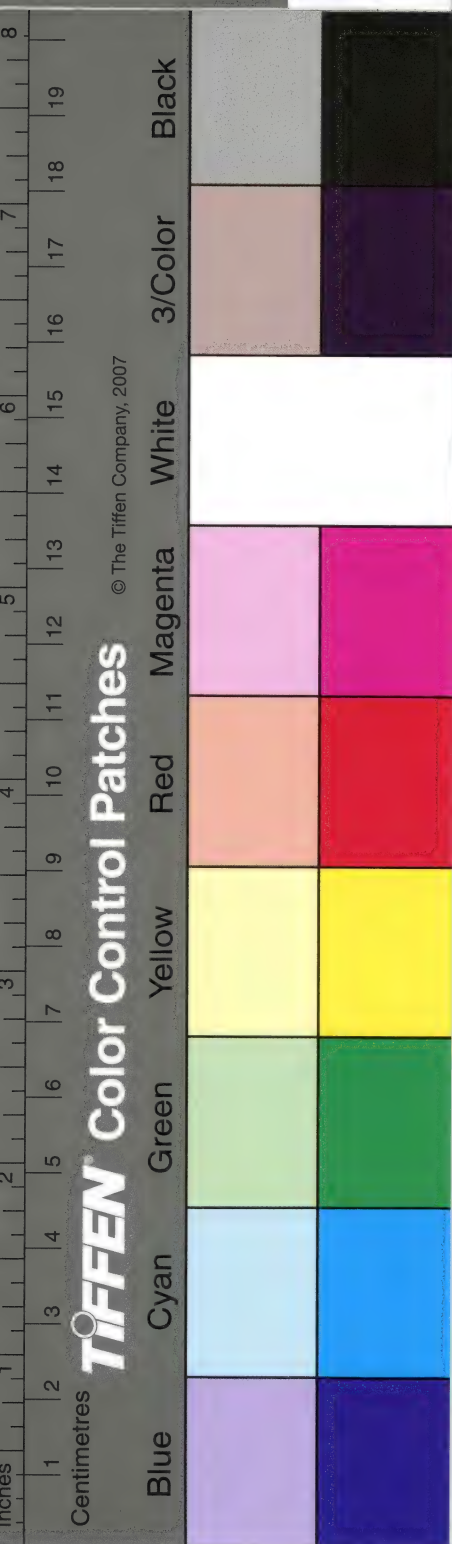
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Raleigh 52 to 57 inclusive	£ 6. 0
Bayle 52 to 64 inclusive	0 13. 0
Land. Mag. Append. Jan. to May incl.	0 3. 0
Sup. Letters Nov ^r to April incl.	0 6. 0
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With the above there came also Proposals for printing by Subscription the History of York. Ditts of London & Westminster, & a pamphlet, Conjectures on the Fascinating Power of the Rattle Snake.

October 13th 1735. At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors (absent W.R., W.P., P.P. & the Treas^r & Librar^y.) The Request of Joseph King, Samuel Rhoads & Joseph Peters to be admitted into the Company was mentioned, which occasioned some Conversation concerning the allowing of new Subscriptions. And the Directors present unanimous ly agreed, that those who were employed to put the Request, should let the said King, Rhoads, & Peters know that the Direct^{rs} were not willing to admit a less Number than five at a time. 'Twas also agreed that if the said three Applicants found two other Persons to apply with them such as the Directors approved of, they should all be admitted upon paying three pounds ten shillings a peice, & Tho^s Peters subscribing for his Son who is under Age.

The Direct^{rs} ordered me to acquaint S. Collinson with their Unwillingness to subscribe for either of the two Books for which he sent the printed Proposals.



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Nov. 10th 1735. At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors (absent W. Pl, & F. R, & the Treas.^r) I acquainted them with what I had written to P. Collinson (not yet entered) & that none of the late Applicants had yet been with me. Nothing more was done to be minuted.

"Respected Friend
" Peter Collinson

Philad.^a Nov. 5th 1735.

"The foregoing is a Copy of mine
" Sept. 10th P. W. Hudson — I now send enclosed the second Bill of Exchange of the two Letts above mentioned.

"Yours of June 20th is come to Hand, in which you mention the Books P. Cap. Richmond, your Letter P. Cap. New & Bayles P. 16. To which particulars I have returned an answer in my Letter of June 9th —

"With this from you we have received P. Cap. Wright the Weekly & Monthly papers according to the Bill of Parcels. I observe by what W. Meadows writ to you, the Reason for his sending the Republick of Letters, but our Librarian tells me the last we had of Historia Literaria is N. 22 — W. Meadows says N. 23 was the last that was published, which N. I suppose we ought to have had before the Repub. of Letters, & them next.

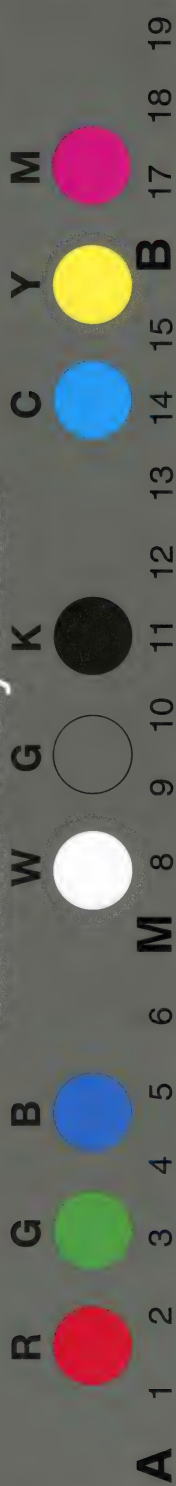
"The Bookseller seems deficient in his Minuses or Memory, having sent us two pieces now which we had before viz N. 52 of Bayles Diction. & the Append. to Lond. Mag. for 1734.

"The Proposals you have been pleased to send and Specimens of for printing by Subscription the Hist. & Antiquities &c of the Cities of London & Westminster, and of York I laid before the Directors, with your Recommendation of them; but there happened not to be a Majority of a Mind that you should subscribe for them whilst we are low in Cash, & such Curiosities not of Use to many of our Company.

"You will see by mine of June 9th the Approbation of the Directors for your subscribing for the History of the Ottoman Empire — Be pleased in your next to let us know if it appears yet in Publick

"I am your assured Friend

"Joseph Breintnall"

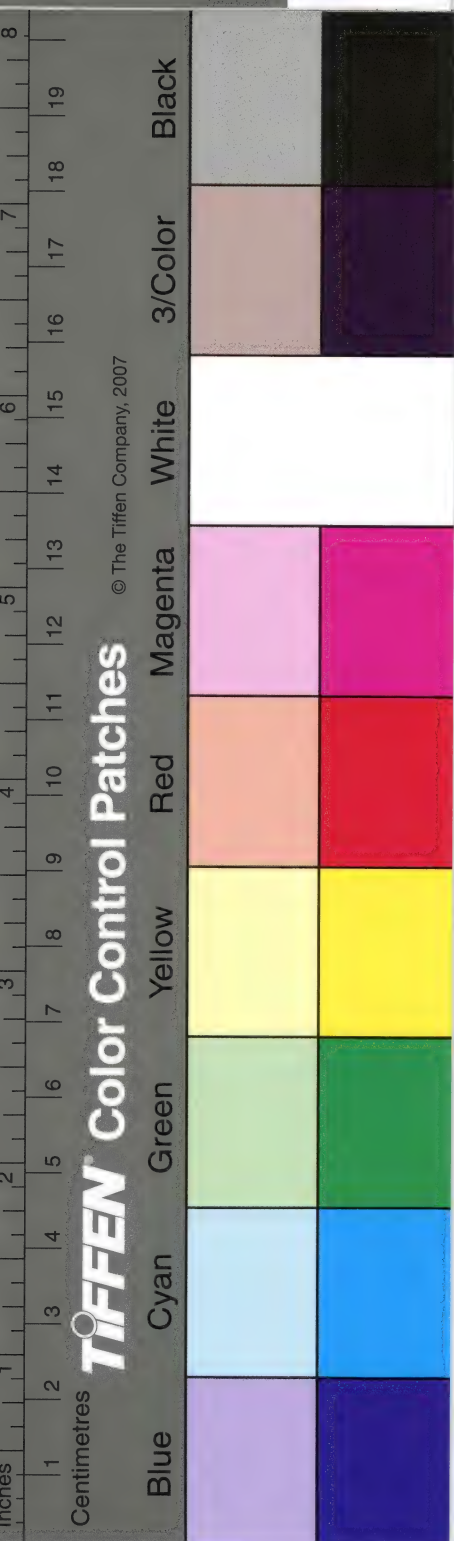


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"P.S. Nov. 18th — Since the above written yours of Sept.
 "4th is come to Hand, with the weekly and monthly Papers
 Novem." (committed to the care of Isaac Pemberton) viz. Historia
 1735 "Litteraria N.º 23, London Magazine for June, July, August,
 "and Bayle N.º 65 to 70 inclusive, with Blair's Botannick
 "Essays with Butts. — You acquaint us that this Book of
 "the Litteraria's compleats the last Volume published, which
 "was the Reason the Bookseller sent the Republic of Letters in
 "their Room, which if we approve to have continued the
 "remaining parts since the last shall be sent, and that we
 "may return the Botannicks sent us formerly without
 "Butts &c. You mention the Bookseller's Letter to us, and it
 "is come to Hand. It contains an Apology for himself and a
 "Willingness to correct any Mistakes, and to serve the
 "Company well. He also speaks of the Republic of Letters &
 "Historia Litteraria as you do, and that Blair's Botannicks
 "without Butts was an Imposition on him &c. — There has
 "not been a Meeting of the Directors since the last Recp.
 "tions, but I have shewn your Letter and the Book seller's
 "to some of them and they approve of the Republic of Letters
 "and of Blair's Botannick Essays now sent us, but do not
 "think fit to return that which was formerly sent, it
 "being a useful Piece and of another kind, in which Mr.
 "Meadows has been mistaken; the Book now come is
 "what we first wrote for, and the other is left and entitled
 "Miscellaneous Observations in the Practise of Physick
 "Anatomy & Surgery, with new & curious Remarks
 "in Botany; adorned with Copper plates. However as
 "we shall keep this Book, & as it wants Plates, we desire the
 "Bookseller may send them; I think there are only two
 "plates referred to in the reading that belong to the Book.
 "Bayle's Dictionary N.º 52, and the Appendix to the London
 "Magazine before mentioned we now return. D. Glenney.
 "Yours J. B. —

Dec. 15th 1735. Robert Bolton (who was allowed of July 14th for
 the Use of his son, & hath since paid the Treasurer) did this
 Day subscribe to our Instrument of Copartnership, and
 sealed & delivered the same according to Form. —



Decem. 7³⁵ 8th At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors present W. Plumstead, W. Rawle, T. Cadwalader, T. Hopkinson, P. Syng, H. Roberts, T. Richardson & B. Franklin. — Those Applicants to subscribe and become Members of the Library Company were allowed of viz. John Blackhouse, Joseph King, Joseph Peters, Samuel Rhoads, Samuel Coates & Samuel Barge.

January 12th 1736. — At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's present W. Plumstead, W. Coleman, T. Cadwalader, T. Hopkinson, P. Syng, H. Roberts, & T. Richardson.

Mem^o The Money for the Fire Hook, Rope &c was collected and paid to Philip Syng. —

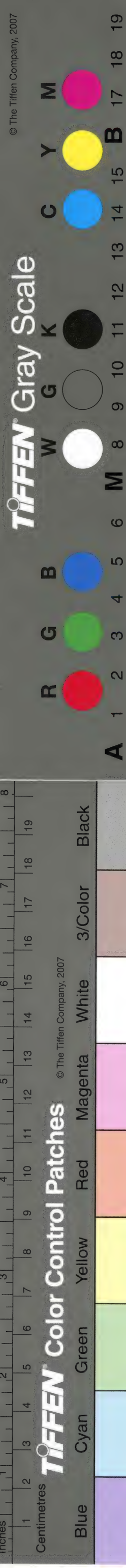
February 9th — There was as usual a Monthly Meeting of the Directors, but no Business done.

Feb. 9th Samuel Coates & Samuel Rhoades shewing me Certificates under the Hand of James Morris Treasurer purporting that they had each of them paid him £3..10..0 for their Subscription Monies. I produced to them the Instrument of Copartnership, which they subscribed. —

March 8th 1736. At a Monthly Meeting of all the Directors & Officers (except W. R. & E. M.) The Request of Joseph Peters to subscribe for himself was mentioned & put to the Vote, and carried in the Negative; but it was agreed he might get his Uncle Rice or any other fit Man to subscribe for him. Some of the Persons present mentioned the Applications of Anthony Morris Jun. & John Hemington to come into Partnership, and they were allowed of.

April 12th 1736. — At a Monthly Meeting of all the Directors and Officers. — B. Franklin brought in his Account charging for Advertisements Receipts & Catalogues, at several Times printed, £6..16. — and giving Credit One Year's Payment May 1735 10s. The Account signed Dec^r 8th 1735. which Account was allowed of and an Order drawn on James Morris Treas^r to pay the Ballance £6..6. —

W^m Parsons Librarian also brought in his Account charging one Years Salary £6 — Copying the three Charters £2.10. — And bringing the Books from Timothee's, & Liquor for the Workmen at putting up the Boxes 2s. — And giving Credit by Fines & Forfeitures and Rent for Books lent £3..16..10. which Acct. was also allowed of, & the Ballance £4..15..2 ordered to be paid.



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Agreed, That the Company's Election on Monday the 3^d of May
be at this House, and that Benjamin Franklin give Notice thereof
in the Gazette. —

April 29th 1736. Joseph King (who was allowed of Dec. 8th
last) shewing me his Receipt for paying the Treasurer £3. 10. — I let
him read and subscribe to our Constitutions. —

May 3^d 1736. At the House of John Roberts the Library
Company had a friendly Election of Directors and Treasurer for
the ensuing year. — Before the opening the Election the Directors
present signed an Order on the Treasurer for paying £1. 6. 0 to W.
William Parsons, for an Acct. for erecting of Shelves &c. —

They likewise allowed of an immediate Subscription of
Alexander Graydon, James Merewether, and Anthony Morris Esq.
who accordingly subscribed the Articles, and paid the Treasurer
£3. 10. — each for their Shares, and likewise 10/ each for the Annu-
al Payment due. — Every of the rest of the Subscribers (or some
of their Friends for them) paid their 10/ each for their fourth
yearly Payment; except John Tarschall, Benjamin Eastburn
& Joseph Rolfe. — The Directors and Treasurer now chose, are
the same made Choice of last Year. Viz

Directors.

Benjamin Franklin	Thomas Cadwalader
Hugh Roberts	Thomas Hopkinson
William Rawle	William Plumstead
Francis Richardson	William Coleman
Philip Syng Esq.	Evan Morgan
James Morris Treasurer. —	

Memo — The Number of 10/ which the Treasurer
will give Credit for in his Account including his own will be
60, which with the three above mentioned Unpaid and Brockden
and Breintnall excused, make 60, being the Number of Members
in Partnership at this Time. —

May 10th 1736. It being the usual time of the Month for
a Meeting all the Directors (except W^m Rawle) met at John
Roberts, and received the Treasurer's Acct. by which it appears
he has in hand £52. 6. 9½. There was no fault found with it
but with the last Article of Credit By Cash of Benj. Eastburn 10/ the
4th Day of May which being the Day after the time appointed



May 1736 for receiving the 10^s the Directors fully debated this Matter, resolved to disapprove of it (yet well respecting B. Eastburn) and not allow of any such Precedent. Upon which the Treasurer promised ~~volun-~~ tarily, to credit 5^s more in his next Account.

An Order on the Treasurer was subscribed by seven Directors to pay William Parsons 17^s for his Salary at the Rate of £6-^s Year from the 12th of March last till the 3^d of May instant Note this Order and that of £1.6.5 for Shelves mentioned in last Minute will come in the Treasurers next Account.

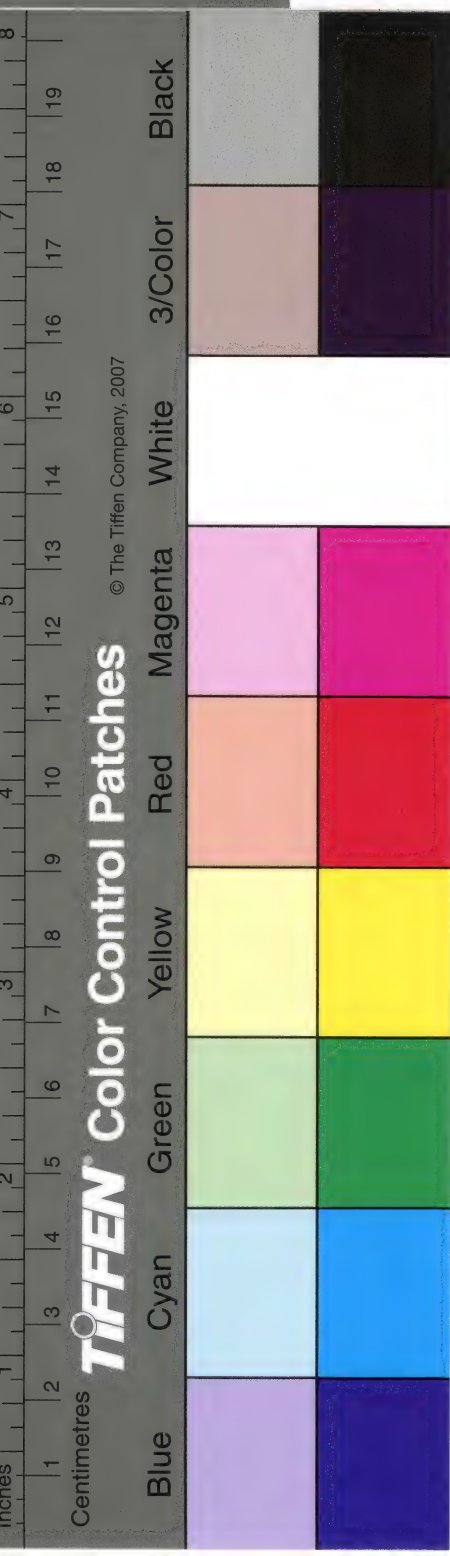
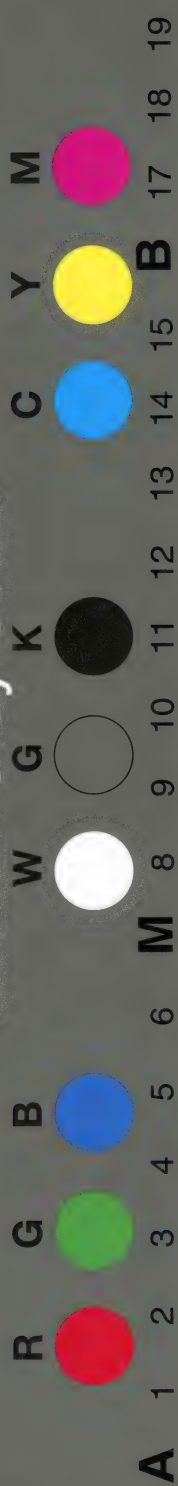
The nine Directors present subscribed to an Agreement (as usual) for attending their Meetings, under the accustomed Penalty.

June 14th 1736 - At the Directors Monthly Meeting, at John Roberts's (absent W. R, E. M, & H. R.) agreed that the Secy. send the Catalogue of Books this Evening made Choice of, to Peter Collinson for him to purchase, and inclose with it the Bill of Exchange for £30. Sterl^r. which the Treasurer has bought for the Company of Richard Backhouse Gospel Misio- nary at Chester. — But Note, the Bills (three to the lett) being dated June 27th before which Day they are not demandable, sum not to send one of them till that Day be come. —

An Order on the Treasurer for 40^s was granted to Stephen Potts in Part of his Account.

July 12th 1736. — At a Monthly Meeting &c, the Catalogue of Books, mentioned in the last Minute, being revised. It was ordered by Nine of the Directors (W. Coleman being absent) to inclose it in a letter to Peter Collinson: and to let him know that if the Bill of Exchange now remitted him is not sufficient to discharge the Ballance due fr. his Acc^t sent in his Letter of Feb^y. 20th and to pay for the Books now wrote for, they will make him speedy Re- mittance of the sum deficient. — And that they would have these Books come bound and lettered, and the whole Cost of them insured. And that we want the latter Parts of S^r. Walter Raleigh's Histo- ry of the World to compleat that Work; and lastly that I should write to the Bookseller about his over charging some of the Books, which incline the Directors to leave him, & try another. —

Mem^o. — W. Rawle subscribed the Agreement for punctual Attendance of the Monthly Meetings. —



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Respected Friend.

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"Yours of February 20th with the Pamphlets and the
Library Account came to hand. The Ballance in your Favour is
£3.1. — To which add 5s. for Blair's Botannicks. To discharge
this £3. 6 — and purchase the Books in the enclosed Catalogue
the Directors herewith send you a Bill of Exchange for £30. Sterling
payable to your self, drawn by Richard Packhouse on William
Fryon. There goes with it the Drawers Letter of Advice.

"Please to order the Books to come bound & lettered, and
tell the Bookseller we want the Parts (from N.^o 57) which should
complete J.^r Walter Raleigh's History. The Directors desire
you would insure the Value of those Books, and if the Bill is
not sufficient to pay off the above Ballance with the Amount
of this Catalogue, they will in a little time remit what it
falls short. — Inclosed also you will see a short Letter
to the Bookseller, which we request you to send him.

"The Directors return you their most grateful Respects. — Accept the same from your real Friend

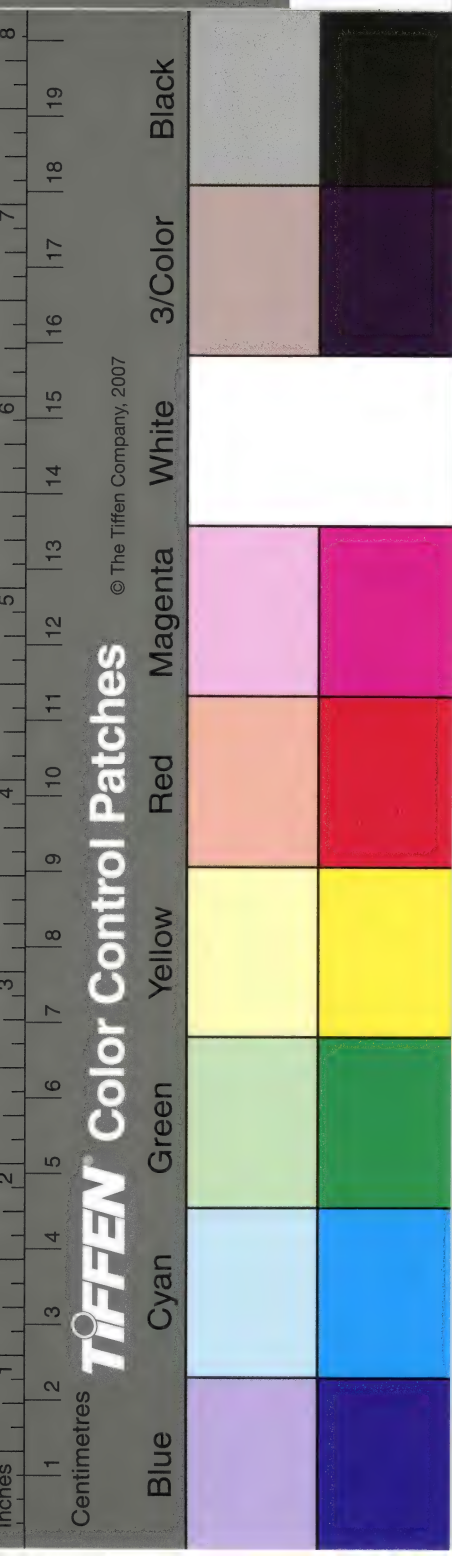
Joseph Breintnall

"B. Aquila Robinson
in Ship St George
Capt. John Lindsey."

Catalogue of Books.

Shaftesbury's Characteristics
Dublin Journals 2 Vol.
Conquest of Mexico
Gratian's Hero
Richardson's Life of Milton
Burnett's Theory of the Earth
Whiston's D.
Life of Homer by Hutchinson
Berkley's Minute Philosopher
Dacier's Abridgemt. of Plato's Works
Tully's Works in English, all
except his Offices & Discourse on
Friendship & Old Age.

Lambertie on Affairs of Europe since 1700
Memoirs of y^e Duke of Marlbro.
Huygens Celestial World discovered
Life of y^e Earl of Peterborough
Janinus's History of Naples
Rowe's Translation of Lucan
Hist. of Government of France by Villiers
Burnett's Hist. of the Reformation
Don Quixote
Swift & Pope's Miscellanies
History of the German Empire
being a Continuation of Echard's
Roman History.



State Trials 7th & 8th Vol.
 Mezeray's History of France
 July 1736 Buchanan's Hist. of Scotland
 Hallifax's Miscellanies
 Life of T^r Thomas Moore
 T^r Thomas's Utopia
 Pope's Letters
 Marianals History of Spain
 Bichet's Naval History
 Memoirs of y^e Marquis of Langallia
 The Revolutions of Poland
 Revolutions of Poland
 Liberty a Poem, by Thompson
 Limburg's History of y^e Inquisition
 translated by T. Chandler.
 Acherly's Britannica.

History of y^e Knights of Malta
 Jacobi's Law Dictionary
 Boileau's Works translated by Rowe
 Cardinal De Rutz's Memoirs
 A Continuation of Rapin's History
 of England to y^e 3^d Year of H. George
 History of Timur Bee commonly
 called Tamerlane the Great
 Clark upon the Attributes
 The History of Mafanello
 Molesworth's Acc. of Denmark
 Domest's History of Druggs
 Berkeley's Universal Traveller
 Raleigh's History of the World
 continued (from where he left it)
 by a new Hand.

"M. Meadows."

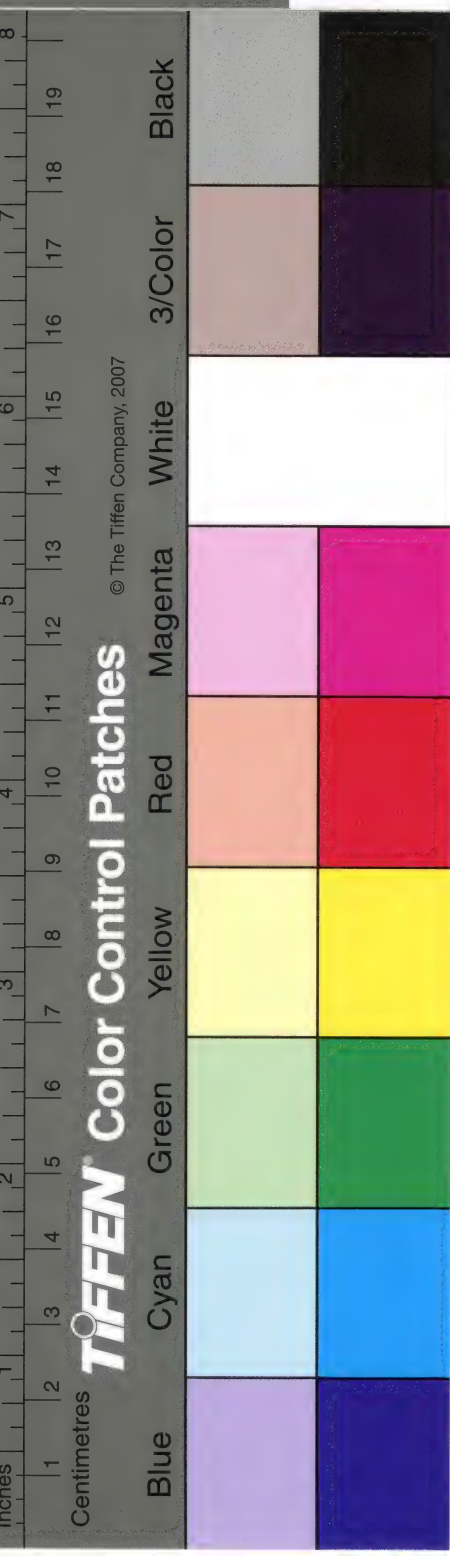
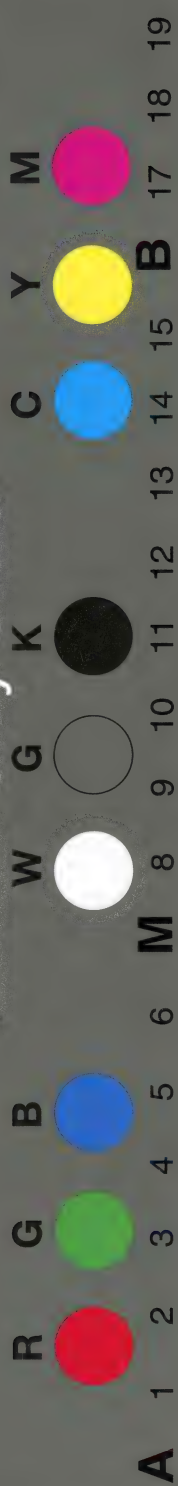
Philadelphia July 13th 1736.

"You will receive from M. Collinson a Catalogue
 of Books which the Directors of the Library Company of Philad^a
 have now wrote for. I could wish the Prices you set upon them
 may be moderate, and that it would sute you to serve us accor-
 ding to your Letter of Sept.^r last, wherein you write you will
 venture to say no Man in London shall be more reasonable
 in Prices than you. The Directors are assured that some of your
 Books are overcharged, which has inclined them to think of
 trying another Bookseller."

"I am your Friend"

"Joseph Brintnall"

July 23rd 1736. Tobias Gris com having obtained of
 a Majority of the Directors their approbation of his buying
 buying Thomas Potts's share, & subscribing. And he having
 an Assignment from said Potts of his share for the Considera-
 tion of £40 - indorsed on his Certificate. I waited with said
 Griscom on J. Taylor & R. Peters in whose presence he signed
 the Instrument of Partnership according to Form



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Bayle 88 to 95 inclusive

Ottoman Empire N^o 18, 19, 20, 21,

Republic of Letters Jan. to May

London Magazine Feb^y. to May

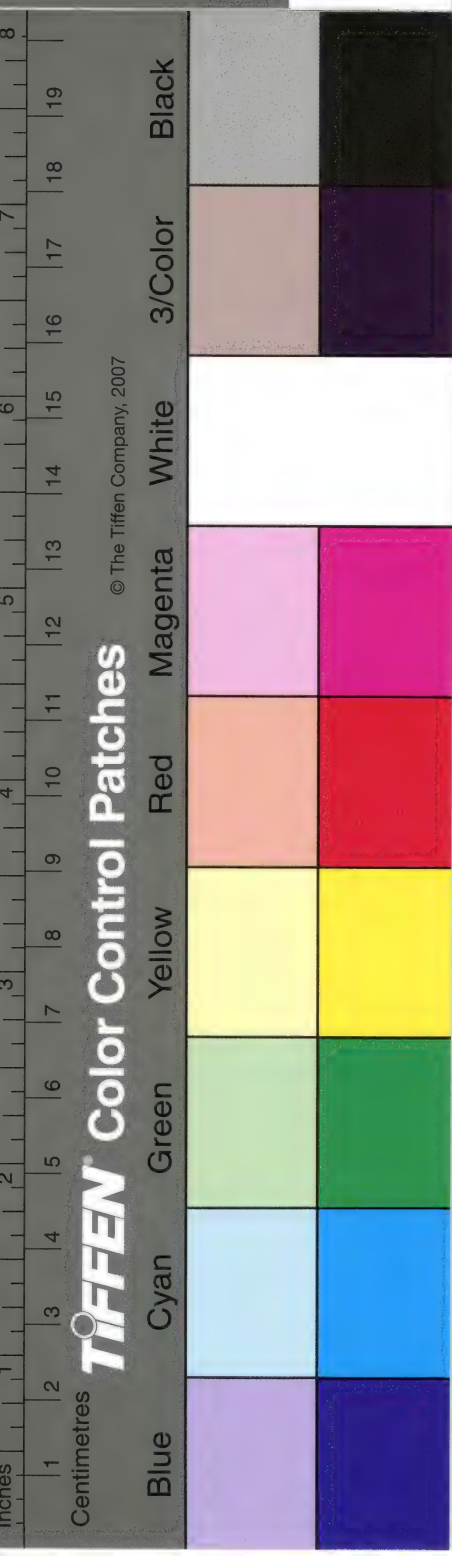
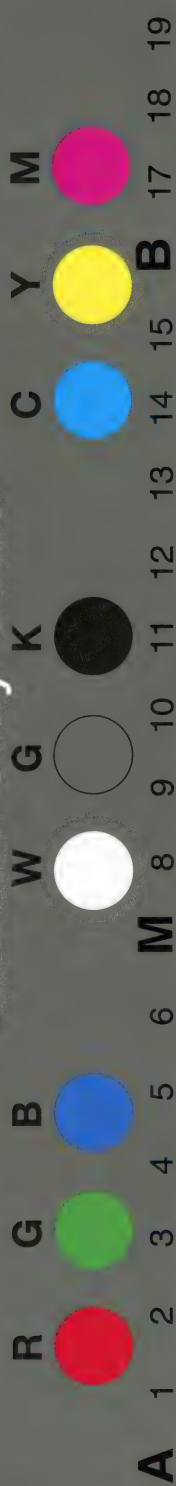
Country Parson's Plea

The Answer to the Plea

New Experiments in Husbandry,

for the Month of April 1736 by W. Ellis.

Memorandum. There came by Israel Pemberton Ju^r. 18th of
May last.Republic of Letters, May to Dec^r. 1735 omitt^g. Sept^r.London Magazine, July to Jan^y. with an Appendix
omitting August.History of Ottoman Empire N^o 17 ending to Page 392Bayle's Dictionary N^o 71 to 87, ending to Page 973.August 9th. There was a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's
but several of the Members being out of Town, a sufficient
Number to resolve upon Business did not appear.September 13th. - There was a Meeting at the
same Place and like the last.Septemb^r. 28th. Mem^o. Sent (ft. Capt. Savage)
a Duplicate of Letter & Catalogue of July 13th last, to Peter
Collinson & W^m. Meadows, & inclosed a Second £30. Bill of
Exchange with Backhouse's Letter of Advice.October 11th 1736. At John Roberts's there was a Meeting
of some of the Directors but not a sufficient Number for Business,
neither was there any of Moment before them.Nov^r. 8th. - At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors at John
Roberts's (W. R. only absent) Charles Willing and William Par made
Application to subscribe to the Library, and were allowed of.Decemb^r. 13th 1736. At a Monthly Meeting, at John Roberts's,
a sufficient Majority of the Directors being present; it was agreed
on that the Librarian get a Box, or two, move made to hold the
Books that came ft. Capt. Hill three Days ago, which were sent
for the 13th July last. - That B. Franklin print a Number of Copies
of the Company's Constitution, that each Subscriber may have



one, and our Friends a few. — That I collect from the Minutes, and write fair, to be put up in the Library, such Rules and Orders as Decemb.^r 1736 are to be observed between the Librarian and the Borrower of Books. And that I get the Witnesses to the several Subscriptions to our Articles, viz. Joseph Taylor and Rice Peters, to prove before a Magistrate the said Subscriptions, without Delay.

Mem^o I shew'd Peter Collinson's Letter that came with those Books, by which it appears that Backhouse's Bill of Exchange will be paid, and then the Company will owe a Ballance to Peter of £11.10. —

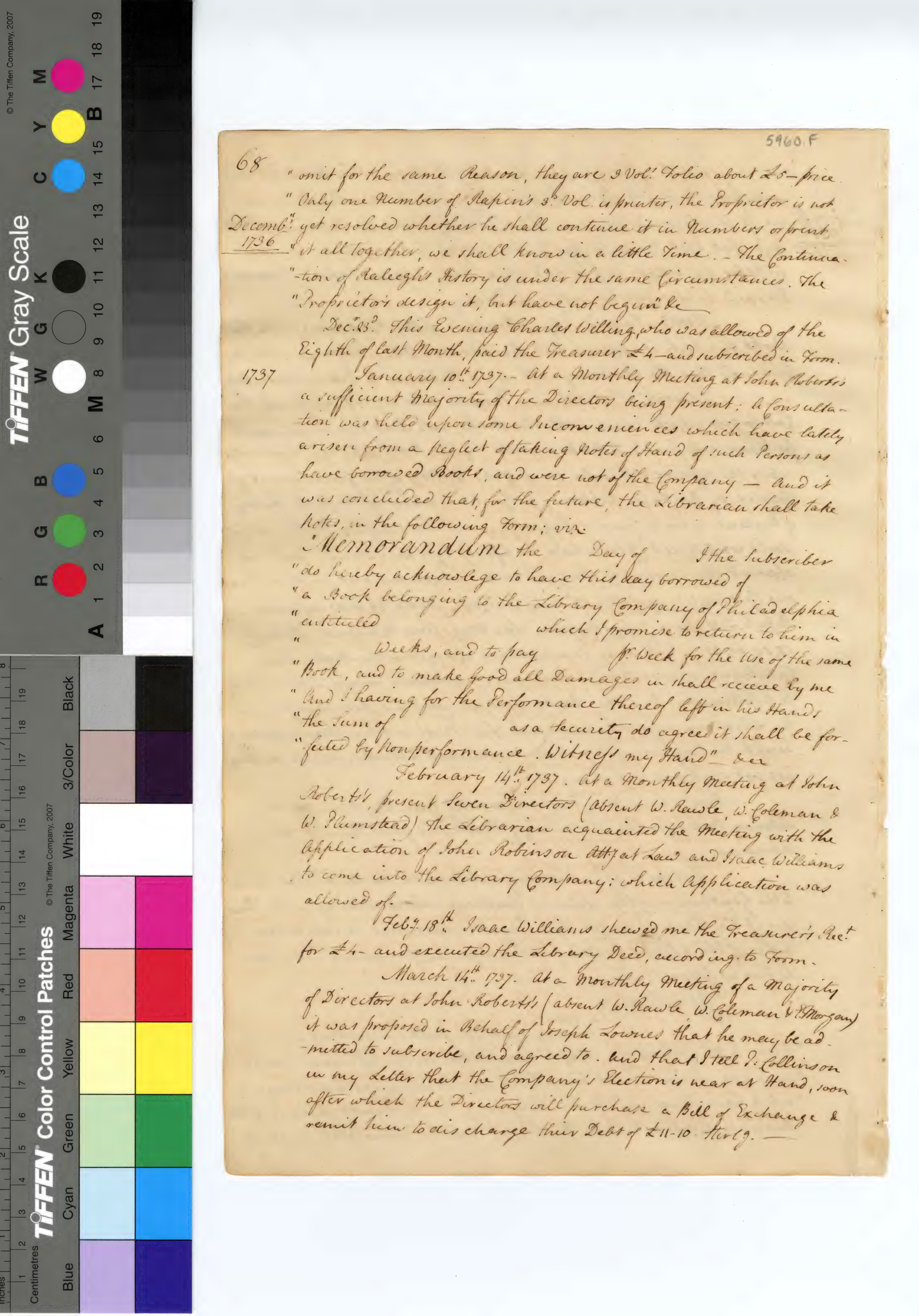
Decemb.^r 18th — William Parsons and myself compared the Catalogue which came with the Books, and that which was sent for them, and found 4 Books omitted by the Bookseller viz. Lambertie upon the Affairs of Europe since 1700, History of the Government of France by Boulaïn Villiers, a Continuation of Rapin's History of England to the 3^d Year of St. George, and Rawleigh's History of the World continued (from where he left it) by a new Hand. And we observed the Pamphlets that are come, which are not contained in our Catalogue sent the 13th July last; viz. Bayle 96 to 103 inclusive — Repub. Lett.^r June, July & August. Lon. Mag. June to August Raleigh 58, 59, 60, 61. Note these Pamphlets are charged in the Bookseller's Catalogue, as also Blair's Botannicks mentioned in my Letter 15th July to P. Collinson. And the Books that are come are also charged, (as the Librarian says, who examined that Part) no other Error appearing except the Omission of the above mentioned 4 Books, which as they are not sent, are not charged.

Mem^o Four Days ago, I extracted from the Minutes the Library Rules for the Borrowers of Books and gave them to the Librarian.

Decemb.^r 20th — I having not perused the Bookseller's Letter to the Gentlemen of the Library Company (which coming in the Trunk was at the Library) until this Day, knew not that he had taken notice of the 4 Books omitted — which in the fore-part of his Letter he does as follows; viz. —

"Gentlemen

"I have sent the Books, according to your
"Order, to M^r. Collinson, except Lambertie on the Affairs of Europe
"since 1700, which are not translated, and he imagines your Design is
"not to have them in French. They are 9 Vols. in Quarto about 12/6. Vol.
"Neither is Boulaïn Villiers's History of France translated, which I
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"omit for the same Reason, they are 3 Vol. Folio about £5—price.
"Only one Number of Rapin's 3^d Vol. is printed, the Proprietor is not
Decemb^r 1736 get resolved whether he shall continue it in Numbers or print
"it all together, we shall know in a little Time. — The Continua-
"tion of Raleigh's History is under the same Circumstances. The
"Proprietor's design it, but have not begun to be

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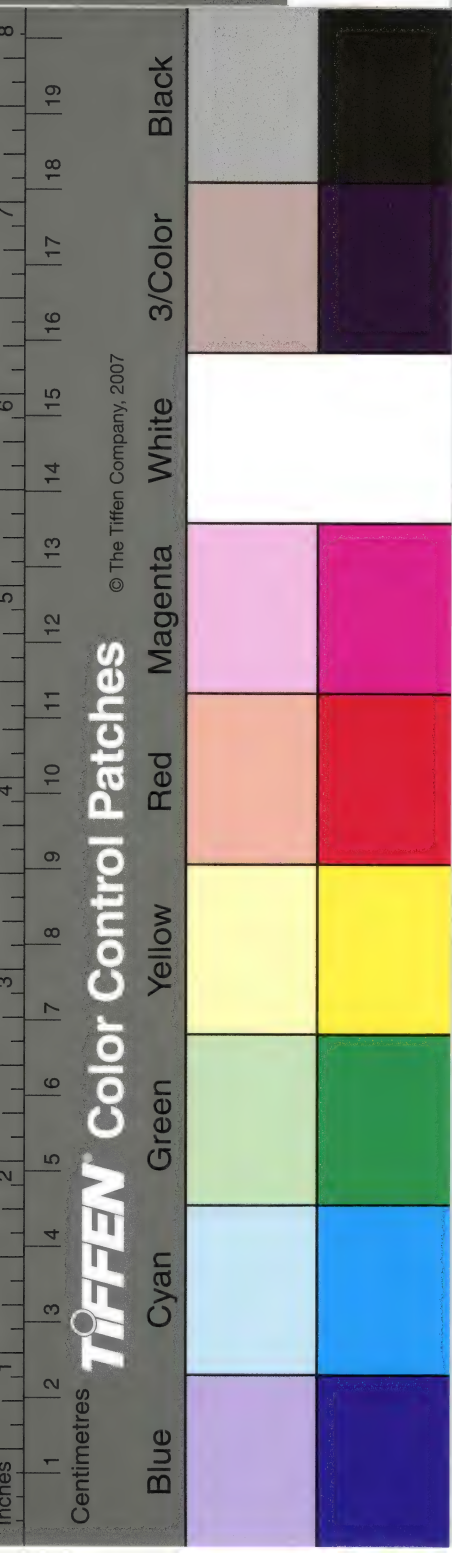
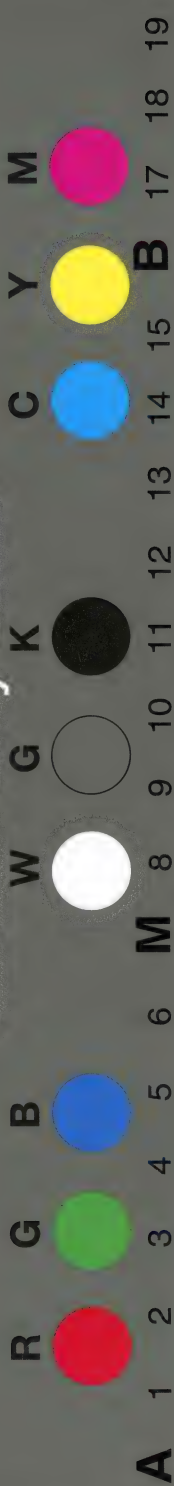
Dec^r 23^d. This Evening Charles Willing, who was allowed of the
Eighth of last Month, paid the Treasurer £4—and subscribed in Form.
January 10th 1737.— At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's
a sufficient Majority of the Directors being present; a consulta-
tion was held upon some Inconveniences which have lately
arisen from a Neglect of taking Notes of Hand of such Persons as
have borrowed Books, and were not of the Company — And it
was concluded that, for the future, the Librarian shall take
Notes, in the following Form; viz.

Memorandum the Day of I the Subscriber
"do hereby acknowledge to have this day borrowed of
"a Book belonging to the Library Company of Philadelphia
"entituled which I promise to return to him in
"Weeks, and to pay p^r Week for the Use of the same
"Book, and to make good all Damages in shall receive by me
"And I having for the Performance thereof left in his Hands
"the Sum of as a security do agree it shall be for-
"feited by Nonperformance. Witness my Hand" &c

February 14th 1737. At a Monthly Meeting at John
Roberts's, present Seven Directors (absent W. Rawle, W. Coleman &
W. Plumstead) the Librarian acquainted the Meeting with the
Application of John Robinson Att^y at Law and Isaac Williams
to come into the Library Company; which Application was
allowed of.

Feb^r 18th. Isaac Williams shewed me the Treasurer's Rec^t
for £4— and executed the Library Deed, according to Form.

March 14th 1737. At a Monthly Meeting of a Majority
of Directors at John Roberts's (absent W. Rawle, W. Coleman & Morgan)
it was proposed in Behalf of Joseph Lowmes that he may be ad-
mitted to subscribe, and agreed to. and that I tell J. Collinson
in my Letter that the Company's Election is near at Hand, soon
after which the Directors will purchase a Bill of Exchange &
remit him to discharge their Debt of £11-10. Herl^y. —



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I was also ordered to make a Minute in favour of David Bush a Subscriber and Benefactor to the Library; who being present remonstrated the Difficulty of returning Books from his Home, which is at Willingstown, within the Times limited, and desired a longer Allowance for the Returns of such as he should borrow. — The Directors considering his Case had Recourse to the Minute made Feb. 10th 1734 in Favour of George Boone, and agreed according to that, and with the same Reservations, to grant him two Weeks extraordinary on each Loan. —

June 24th 1737. I wrote to P. Collinson: That part of my Letter which concerns the Library, is as follows. viz;
"Dear Friend,

"My last was dated March 19th & went to Cap^t. Steedman. I hope it need not be repeated. I have, since that received three of "Janu^y 31st fr^m Robert Grece, & March 25th fr^m A. Hettle. The Directors of the Library Company thankfully accept the Present of an "Appendix to Miller's Dictionary; and hereby remit thee William "Allen's Bill of Exchange for £18 Sterling on Mess^{rs}. Simpson & Comp^y."

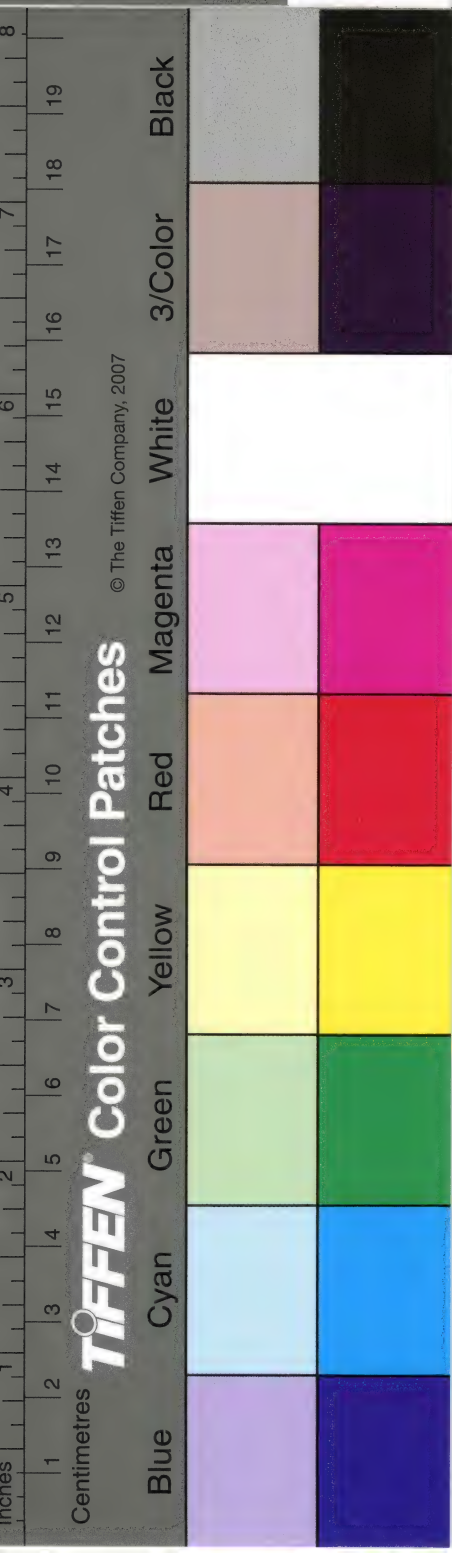
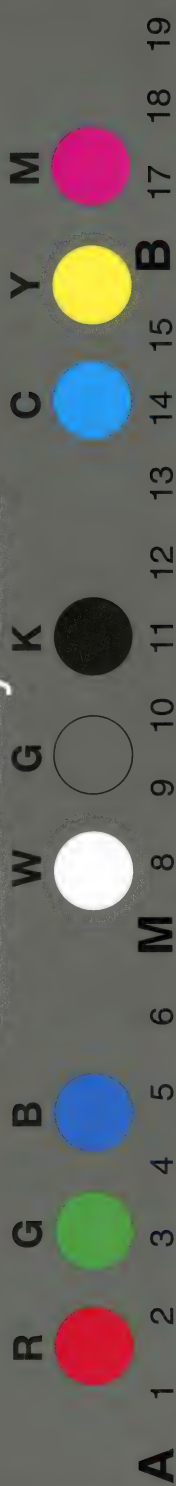
July 11th 1737. At a Meeting of the Directors (absent A. A. T. H. & W. P.) it was mentioned by some of the Directors that William Allen Esq. made Application to be admitted into the Company; and he was unanimously approved of. —

July 27th William Allen paid the Treasurer £4.10. — for a share in the Library, and executed the Deed of Partnership according to Form. —

August 8th No Business of Moment requiring the Attendance of the Directors at this Meeting, only half of their Number appeared. —

August 15th I copied my last Letter to P. Collinson, to convey a second Bill of Exch^g. and sent it to Cap^t. Savage. —

August 29th I rece^d. a Letter from P. Collinson the 20th Inst^t. fr^m Cap^t. Richmond, wherein he gives his Respects to the Gentlemen of the Library Company, and says he sends fr^m Richmond the Pamphlets to the Time of his Sailing. They came to Hand this Day, and are Bayle N^o. 116, which begins with Page 897 and ends with Page 944: and Bayle Vol. 4. N^o. 117 to N^o. 122 ending with Page 192. Also the London Magazines for March, April & May. and the History of the Works of the Learned for the same three Months. —



September, 12th 1737. All the Directors, except A. G. met at the usual Place. I acquainted them with my Receipts from P. Collinson. — Nothing was transacted to be minuted. —

Sept^r 1737

October 10th At the usual Place there was a Meeting of a Majority; who sign'd an Order to the Librarian for him to deliver out to Robert Grace a large Bible of his, which happening to be in the Library a pretty while, thro' Mistake, was understood to be of the Number of Books which Mr. Grace gave to the Company. —

November 4th I received from Cap^t Neat (sent fr^m W. Meadows) Bayle's Dictionary N^o 129 to 129 inclus; works of the Learned for June, July, & August, and the London Magazine for same Months.

By the same ship I received also Advice from P. Collinson that W. Allen's Bill of Exch^o for £ 18, was accepted and carried to the Acc^t of the Library Company. —

November 12th Joseph Peters shewing me the Approbation of a Majority of the Directors, under their Hands, to his buying Edward Evans's Thare & subscribing to the Company's Constitution, and an Assignment from said Evans to him for the Consideration of £ 4.10 — I caused him to execute the Library Instrument. —

Novemb^r 14th At a Meeting of a Majority of the Directors Mention was made that Phineas Bond desired he might be admitted to subscribe. — Which was allowed of. —

December 12th 1737. At a monthly Meeting of a Majority of the Directors, the Inclination of Richard Peters to come into the Company was mentioned and approved of. —

I acquainted the Directors that the Proprietor was pleased to let me know this Morning, that nothing remained to delay his Grant of the Lot of Ground he intends to bestow on the Company for their Library, but the Directors nomination of Persons to whom the Grant should be made in Trust for the Use designed. Whereupon the Directors entered into a Consultation, and having agreed on the Persons, ordered me to return the Names of William Allen, Benjamin Franklin, William Plumsted & James Hamilton. —

Decemb^r 13th I waited on Mess^{rs} Allen, Hamilton & Plumsted and acquainted them with the Use ^{intended} by the Proprietor, and appointed to be made of their Names by the Directors of the Library Company. Which they approving of I returned their Names with W. Franklin's accordingly to Richard Peters the Proprietor's Secretary. —

January 7th 1738 Richard Peters having shewn me the Janu. 7th Treasurer's Receipt for £4.10. - paid for a share in the Library, I waited on said Peters with our Deed of Copartnership which he executed in Presence of Mr. Taylor & Alice Peters. —

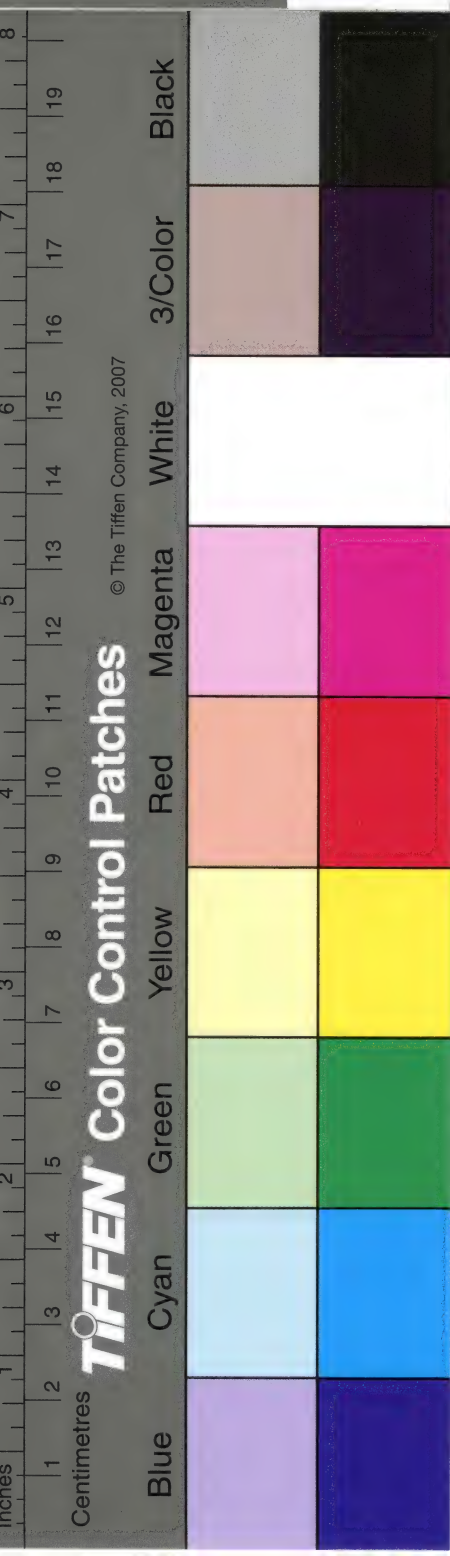
Janu. 9th At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's there being only six of the Directors viz. A. F., A. G., P. S., R. G., R. R., & T. H. present the Transactions for this Meeting were deferred.

February 13th At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's of a Majority of the Directors (viz. B. F., J. H., J. C., P. S., A. R., W. C. & W. S.) and the Officers of the Library, Robert Grace was nominated and chosen a Director in the Room of John Sober for the Remainder of the current Year — Mr. Sober being gone on a Voyage for Antigua.

March 10th 1738. Robert Bolton having formerly paid into the Treasury £3.10. - for a share in the Library, and subscribed to our Constitutions, designing it for the Use and Benefit of his Son in Law Thomas Clay, who was then under Age; and the said Thomas Clay being now of the Age of 21 Years, and shewing me and Assignment to him of the said share under the Hand and Seal of the said Robert Bolton (expressing the Approbation of the Directors) and for the Consideration of £4.10. paid; I therefore permitted him to subscribe to our Constitutions or Deed of Copartnership, which he executed in Form. —

March 13th — Thomas Bond being allowed to subscribe and come into Partnership at a Meeting held the 14th of Nov^r last, this Day shewing me a Receipt from the Treasurer for £4.10. - for a share in the Library, I caused him to subscribe our Articles. —

March 13th At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's of six of the Directors viz. B. F., C. W., J. H., A. G., W. C., & P. S. with the Librarian Treasurer, & Secretary it was moved in Behalf of Charles Meredith Israel Pemberton jun^r & Edward ^{Suell} [son of Nicholas Suell] that the said Charles (who is under Age) have the Use of the Company's Books upon his Uncle James Peller's subscribing and paying to the Treasurer £4.10. ; that the said Edward purchase the Share of George Boone & subscribe upon producing to me a proper Assignment from said Boone, and that the said Israel be permitted to subscribe upon exhibiting a Certificate of Payment from the Treasurer. — All which Motions were consented to, under this Condition only that one or more of the Directors, now absent, consent thereto.



March 16th 1738. M. John Robinson gave me for the Library a Pamphlet entitled *Memoria Technica* or a new Method of artificial Memory &c printed in the Year 1730. And a Grant or Assignment of a Crest to the Coat of Arms of Thomas Case*, under the Hand of William Segar Esq. alias Norroy King of Arms - The Instrument being curiously written on Vellum in the 41st Year of Queen Elizabth and the whole coat neatly depicted in the Margin - a handsome seal preserved in a wooden Box hanging to the Vellum. —

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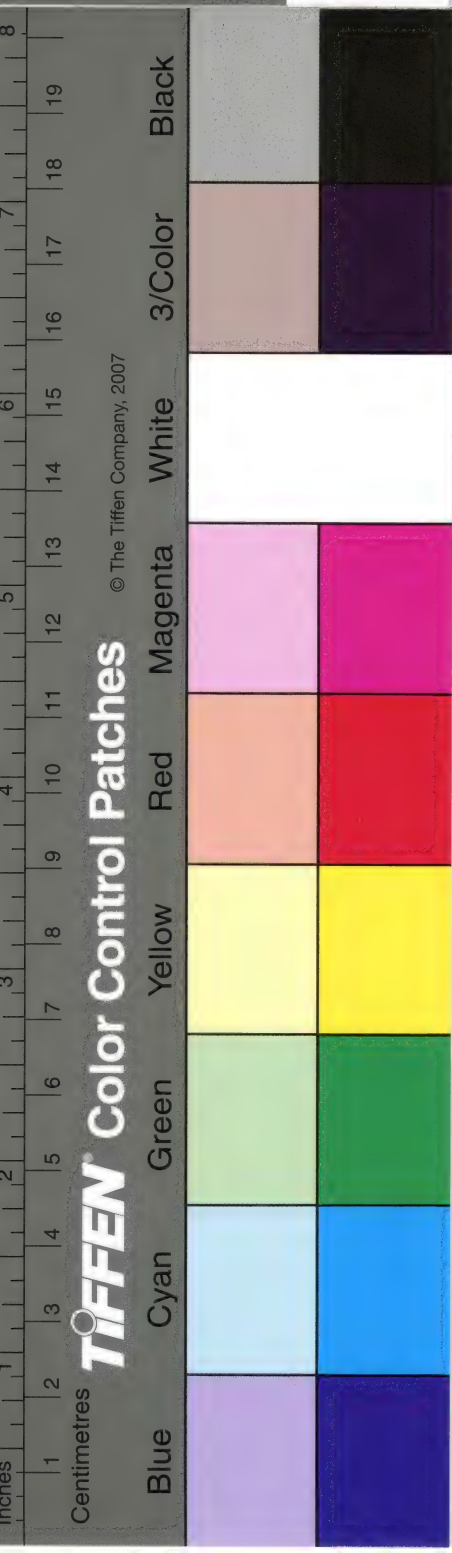
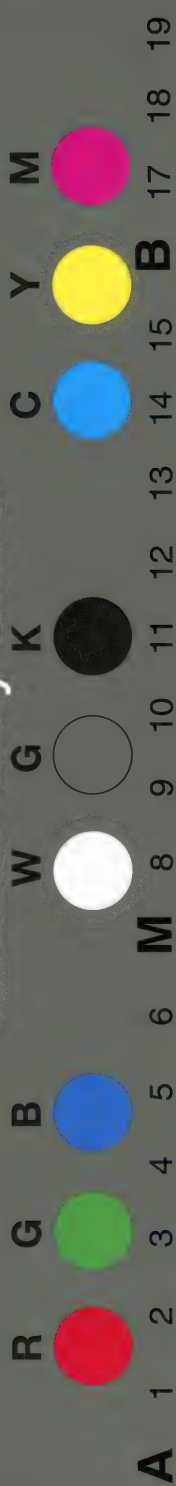
March 17th - James Teller shewing me the Treasurer's Rec^t for £4.10. - and applying to subscribe, we waited on Hugh Roberts and had his consent, & then the said Teller signed and sealed. —

March 18th - I sent the above Pamphlet & Vellum to the Library, the latter in a small black Walnut Box, which I got Joseph Watkins to make, & which he gives also to the Library. —

April 10th 1738. At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's of all the Directors (except Charles Willing) with the Treasurer & Sec^y. Ordered, that the Library Keeper get the Volumes of State Trials bound in calf and secure the Backs of other Books that want mending. That the Accounts of the Treasurer & Librarian (not being now ready) shall be adjusted on the Day of Election at this House the first Monday in May next, before the Beginning of the Election. And that an Advertisement be put up in the Library Room to acquaint the Subscribers that the Directors would willingly be assisted in the Choice of the next Parcel of Books which they are to send for, and desire those of the Company who are inclined to it, to bring into the Library such Lists as they think fit.

April 13th - Israel Pemberton having the Treasurer's Receipt for £4.10. - subscribed according to Form —

May 1st 1738. Thomas Atkinson delivering me a Letter a few Days ago, which came from Peter Collinson, I this Day received at John White's Store (Freight free) a parcel for the Library Company as mentioned in the Letter viz Bayle from p. 130 to 139 inclus. Works of the Learned Sept. to Dec. inclus. London Mag. Sept. to Jan. inclus. [and an Appendix to the Magazine, not mentioned] Ap^len, a Poem; and Prince's Letters, (of the whole 18/6. M. Collinson sent therewith the Company's Acct. Crediting by Backhouse's Bill £30. and W^m Allen's on Simpson £18. and debiting to an Acct. transmitted in Sept. 1736 £41.10. and several Parcels of Pamphlets since £3.9.10; Balance in y^e Company's Favour £3.1.2. —



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May 1738 A Letter also came to the Gentlemen of the Library Company from John Penn Esq. one of our Honble Proprietors, by the Hands of M. Samuel Jenkins, with a noble Present of a costly Air-pump. The Letter as follows; viz.

"Gentlemen,

"It always gives me a Pleasure when I think of the Library Company of Philadelphia, as they were the first that encouraged Knowledge & Learning in the Province of Pennsylvania.

"I have herewith sent you by M. Samuel Jenkins the Bearer hereof, an Air-Pump, with some other Things, to shew the Nature and Power of the Air; which will be both useful and pleasant; and M. Jenkins being a Gentleman well acquainted with Natural Knowledge, and the Mathematicks, has been so kind as to offer his Assistance in explaining the many Experiments to be made thereon.

I am, with much Regard

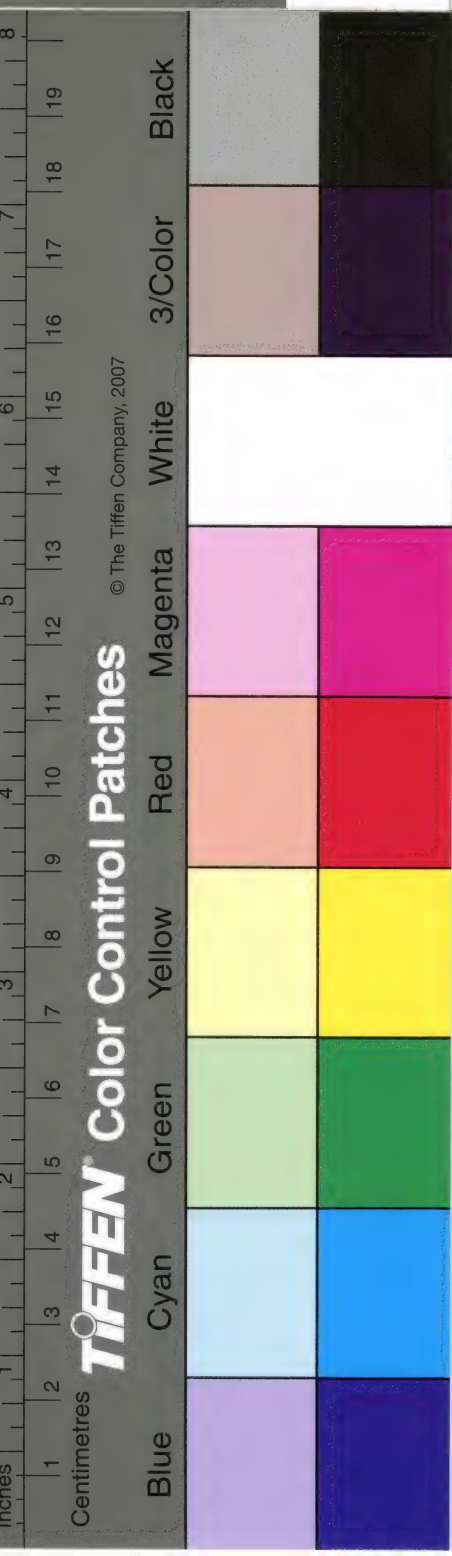
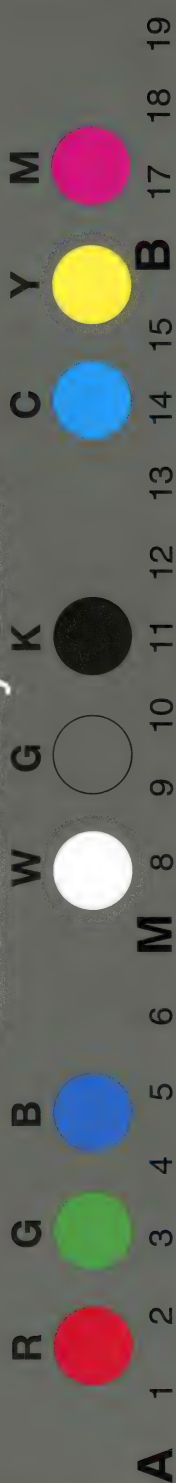
Your sincere Friend

London 31st Jan^y. 1738.

"John Penn".

May 1st 1738. This being our Election Day, the present Directors inspected the Acct. of the Librarian & Treasurer for the expiring Year. The Librarian debits for his Salary £6, and Credits by Cash rec^d. for sundry Fines and Loan of Books £1.7. The Ballance of £4.13. due to him they ordered the Treasurer to pay. The Treasurer's Acct. gives Credit by Ballance of the last Acct. £7.15.4. and by the last Year's 10^l. Payments, and the three 15^l. Payments of those who omitted paying at the Election Day, and by five Person's Subscription Monies £4.10. each, amounting in the whole to £63.10.4. And debits to Cash paid by Order to Stephen Potts £1.14.8. William Parsons £3.14.9 and B. Franklin £1.18.4 and to W. Allen for a Bill of Exchange of £18 Sterl^y. at 70^l. 10^l. £30.12. which makes a Ballance remaining in the Treasurer's Hands of £25.10.7. — The Election coming on the 10th for this Year (being the 6th) were made, and the Voting proceeded in the usual free, amicable Manner.

The Money in the Treasury (besides the £25.10.7 above mentioned; out of which should be deducted the Order to pay



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the Librarian £4.13.0) As also the Number of Subscribers now in
May Partnership, will appear by the following Account. viz.
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He received of....	67 Subscribers -	£33.10.0
His own -	(1) Payment -	00.10.0
Charles Brockden (1) exempted -		00.00.0
Jos. Breintnall (1) exempted -		00.00.0
Jonah Rolfe -	(1) made Default -	00.00.0
Anthony Furnis -	(1) made Default -	00.00.0
<u>72 Shares.</u>		<u>£34.00.0</u>

The Directors & Treasurer were chosen as follows; viz.

Directors.

Benjamin Franklin,	William Coleman,
Hugh Roberts,	Thomas Hopkinson,
Philip Syng,	Thomas Cadwalader,
William Plumstead,	Richard Peters,
Alexander Graydon,	William Allen,

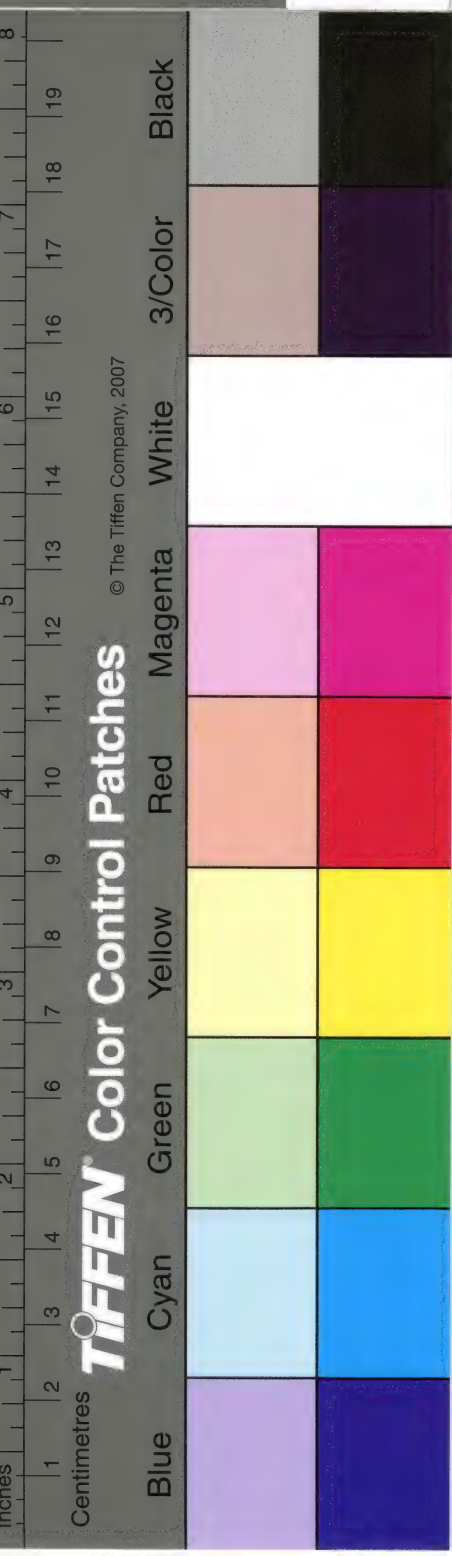
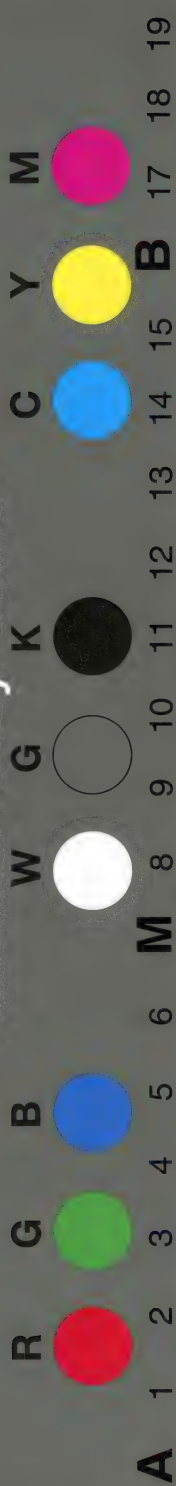
James Morris Treasurer

Joseph Breintnall Secretary

A Motion was made to the Company for nominating a Committee to return Thanks to our Proprietors Thomas Penn for the Lot of ground he has been pleased to bestow on the Company to build a Library upon, and John Penn for his Present of the Air Pump. And it was the general Opinion. the new Directors will be the proper Persons to address the Proprietors in Behalf of the Company.

May 8th 1798. The Directors regarding the Mention of M^r. Samuel Jenkins, in our Proprietor John Penn's Letter to the Company, to shew them the Use of the Air-Pump sent by him, as in the foregoing Minute did this Day invite M^r. Jenkins to an Entertainment at the House of Thomas Mullen, together with the Propri^{etors} Thomas Penn, M^r. Treame, M^r. Forbes, Capt. Norris, M^r. Grace, M^r. Willing and M^r. James Hamilton. The Proprietor being pre engaged could not be present, but all the Directors with the other Gentlemen, & the Librarian Treasurer and Secretary, dined together at M^r. Mullens and enjoyed a facetious agreeable Conversation.

Ordered. That B. Franklin, Hugh Roberts and Alex^r. Graydon meet at the Library tomorrow in the Afternoon and inspect the Condition of the Books, to see which of them want binding & repairing, and to count the whole Number belonging to the Library, in order



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for their being inserted in the Articles to be made between the Directors and Librarian, preparatory to his entering into an obligation, as usual.

Benjamin Franklin, William Coleman & Richard Peters were appointed to draw up Addresses of Thanks to the honble the Propriet.

William Plumstead & Thomas Hopkinson were appointed to receive the Air-pump from Mr. Jenkins, and see it safely taken to Mr. James Hamilton's Office, there being a large and convenient Room, for putting it first in Order and beginning to make Experiments upon.

All the Directors to meet at John Roberts's this Day Tenth night in the Evening, under the Penalty of 1/ on each Defaulter, to take Bonds of the Librarian and Treasurer, peruse the Addresses and make out a Catalogue of Books to be sent for to England by the first Vessel. — And ordered that, after the Treasurer has paid the Librarian the £4.13. due to him, that with the Money remaining in his Hands he buy a Bill of Exchange answerable to that sum of W^m Allen Esq. he having offered to supply the Directors with such a Bill as they may want.

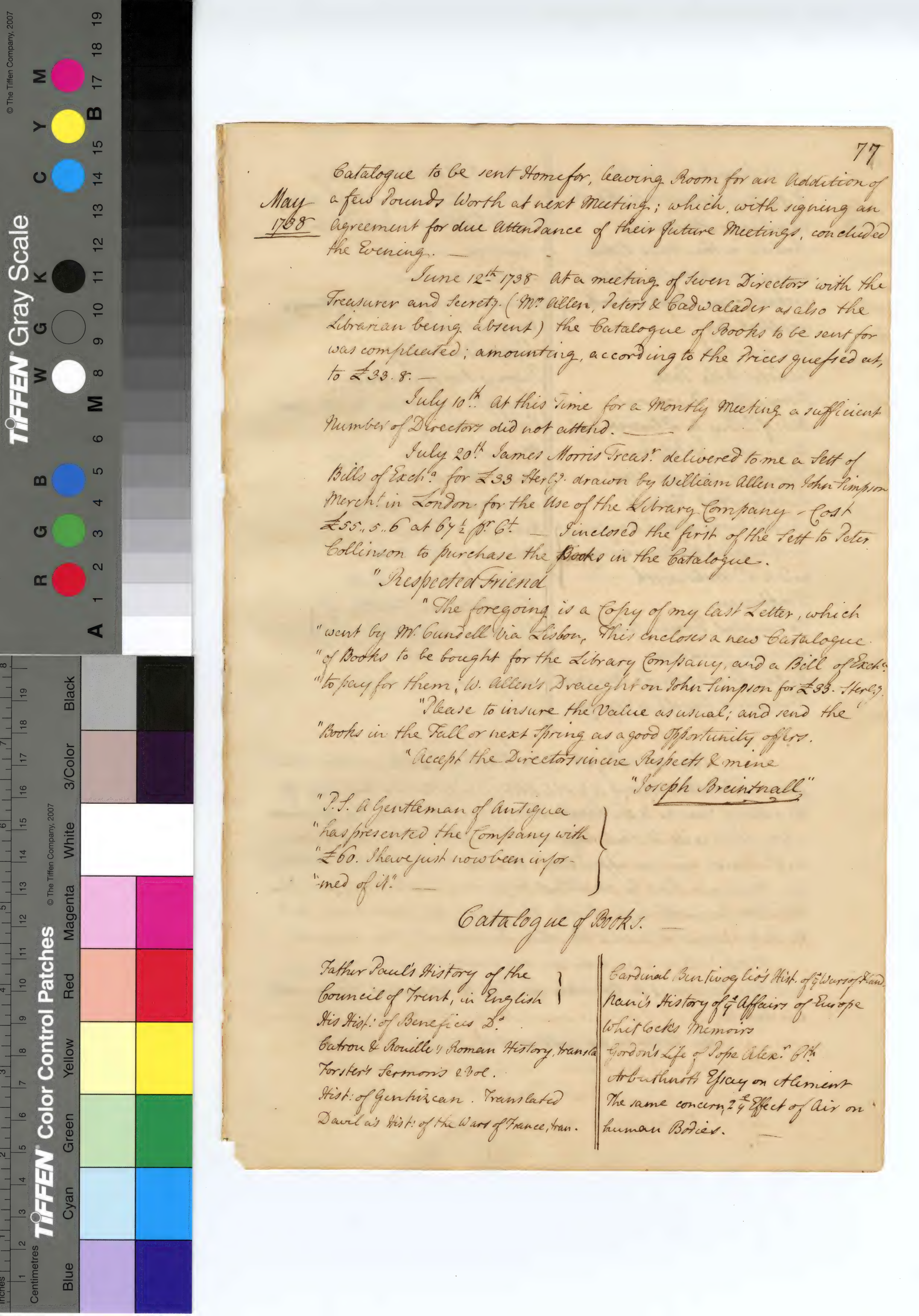
May 11th. I wrote to P. Collinson (Via Lisbon) acquainted him with Prop^r. John Penn's Present &c. That there was no fault found with his (P. C's) account or the Pamphlets sent, and that the Directors will send by the next Vessel for more Books.

May 15th. At a Meeting at John Roberts's of all the Directors &c. except Mr. Allen & Mr. Peters, who were out of Town, and the Librarian sick; 'Twas agreed that the Business for which this Meeting was appointed should be postponed until this Day week, when a full Meeting should be endeavour'd for.

The Persons appointed to convey the Air-pump to Mr. Hamilton's Office, report that it is done.

Ordered, That B. Franklin, P. Syng & H. Roberts, get a Frame & Case made, with Glass Lights in the Door to receive & preserve the Air pump, with its Appendages, and to look Ornamental in the Library Room.

May 22nd. At a Meeting of the Directors, two being absent viz. P. S. & W. R., and some others (who had been out of town) coming late, the Addresses were not read; nor were Bonds taken of the Treasurer and Librarian, the latter being sick and neither of them attending. — From several Lists of Books sent in by Members of the Company the Directors present made out a



May 1798 Catalogue to be sent Home for, leaving Room for an Addition of a few Pounds Worth at next Meeting; which, with signing an Agreement for due Attendance of their future Meetings, concluded the Evening. —

June 12th 1798 At a meeting of seven Directors with the Treasurer and Secy. (M^r. Allen, Peters & Cadwalader as also the Librarian being absent) the Catalogue of Books to be sent for was complicated; amounting, according to the Prices guessed at, to £33. 8. —

July 10th At this Time for a Monthly Meeting a sufficient Number of Directors did not attend. —

July 20th James Morris Treas^r. delivered to me a Set of Bills of Exch^g. for £33 Sterl^g. drawn by William Allen on John Simpson Merch^t. in London for the Use of the Library Company — Cost £55. 5. 6 at 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ p^r. C^t. — I enclosed the first of the Set to Peter Collinson to purchase the Books in the Catalogue.

"Respected Friend

"The foregoing is a Copy of my last Letter, which "went by M^r. Gundell via Lisbon. This encloses a new Catalogue "of Books to be bought for the Library Company, and a Bill of Exch^g. "to pay for them, W. Allen's Draught on John Simpson for £33. Sterl^g.

"Please to insure the Value as usual; and send the "Books in the Fall or next Spring as a good Opportunity offers.

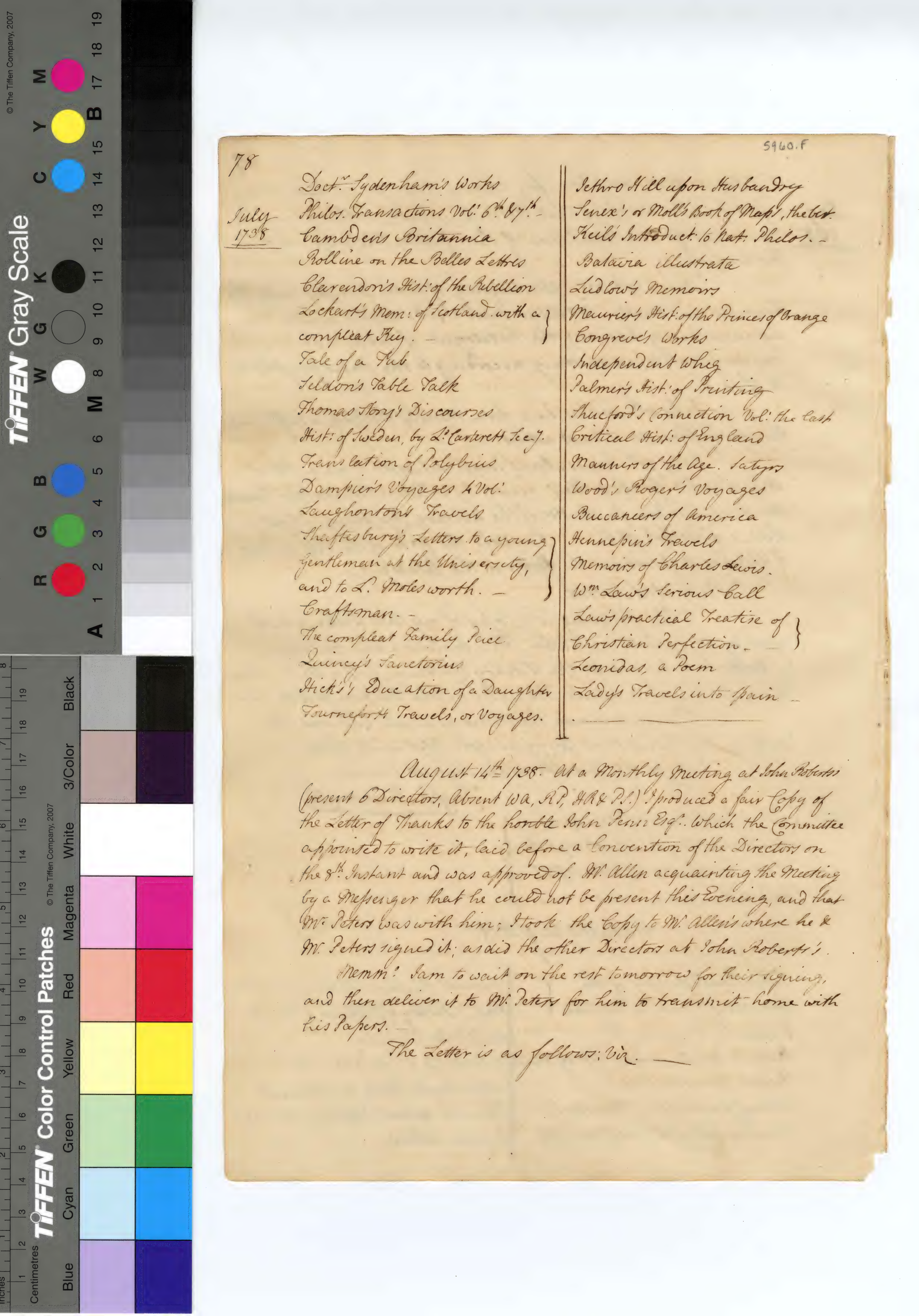
"Accept the Directors sincere Respects & mine

"Joseph Breintnall"

"J. S. A Gentleman of Antiqua
"has presented the Company with
"£60. I have just now been infor-
"med of it." —

Catalogue of Books. —

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| Father Paul's History of the
Council of Trent, in English
His Hist ^y . of Benefices L ^o .
Batrou & Rouille's Roman History, transla
Forster's Sermons 2 Vol.
Hist ^y . of Genturcan. Translated
David's Hist ^y . of the Wars of France, tran. | Cardinal Bentivoglio's Hist. of the Wars of France
Nani's History of Affairs of Europe
Whitlocks Memoirs
Gordon's Life of Pope Alex ^{is} . 8 th .
Arbutnot's Essay on the Element
The same concern ^g the Effect of Air on
human Bodies. |
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Doct. Sydenham's Works

Philos. Transactions Vol. 6th & 7th.

Cambden's Britannia

Rollin on the Belles Lettres

Clarendon's Hist. of the Rebellion

Lockhart's Mem. of Scotland. with a }
compleat Key. - }

Tale of a Tub

Tuldon's Table Talk

Thomas Storr's Discourses

Hist. of Sweden, by L. Cartwright Secy.

Translation of Polybius

Dampier's Voyages 4 Vol.

Laughontons Travels

Shaftesbury's Letters to a young }
gentleman at the Unisversity, }
and to L. Molesworth. - }

Craftsman. -

The compleat Family Peice

Quincy's Sanctorius

Hicks's Education of a Daughter

Tourneponts Travels, or Voyages.

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Jethro Hill upon Husbandry

Senex's or Moll's Book of Maps, the best.

Heils Introdect. to Nat. Philos. -

Balaia illustrata

Ludlow's Memoirs

Meunier's Hist. of the Princes of Orange

Congreves Works

Independent Whig

Palmer's Hist. of Printing

Thucford's Connection Vol. the last

Critical Hist. of England

Manners of the Age. Satyr

Wood's Roger's Voyages

Buccaniers of America

Hennepin's Travels

Memoirs of Charles Lewis.

Wm. Lewis's Serious Call

Lewis's practical Treatise of }
Christian Perfection. - }

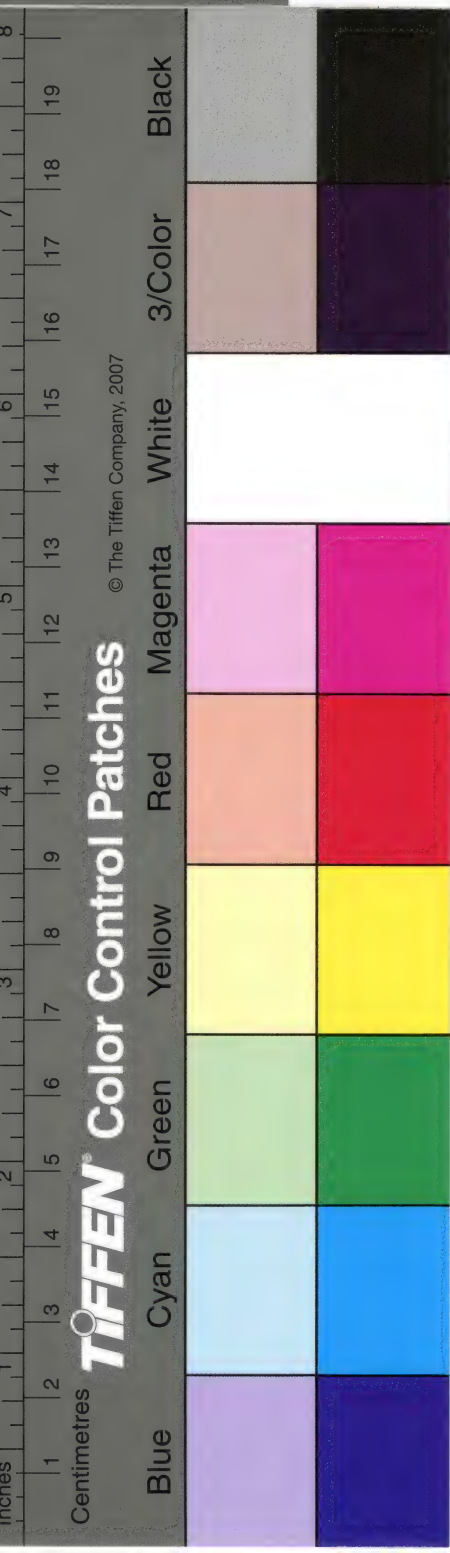
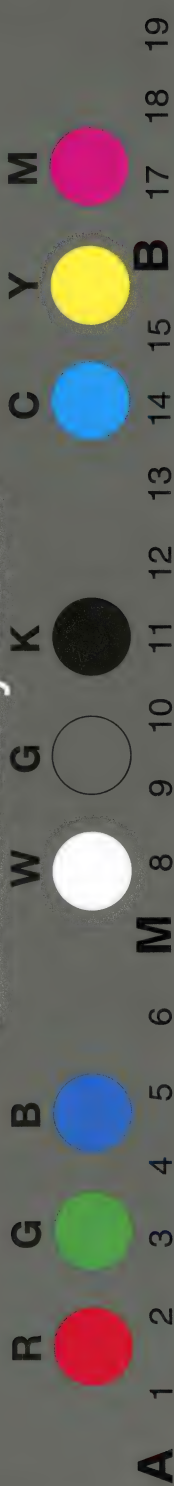
Leonidas, a Poem

Ladys Travels into Spain -

August 14th 1738. At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts
(present 6 Directors, Absent W.A., R.P., H.R. & P.L.) I produced a fair Copy of
the Letter of Thanks to the honble John Penn Esq. which the Committee
appointed to write it, laid before a Convention of the Directors on
the 8th Instant and was approved of. Mr. Allen acquainting the Meeting
by a Messenger that he could not be present this Evening, and that
Mr. Peters was with him; I took the Copy to Mr. Allen's where he &
Mr. Peters signed it; as did the other Directors at John Roberts's.

Memor: I am to wait on the rest tomorrow for their signing,
and then deliver it to Mr. Peters for him to transmit home with
his Papers.

The Letter is as follows: viz. —



"Honourable Sir.

"The Library Company of Philadelphia
"beg leave to return their most hearty Thanks for your noble Bene-
"faction of an Air Pump with its costly and curious Apparatus.

"Useful and necessary as that excellent Invention must
"be to a Society whose View is the Improvement of Knowledge, we
"might have been long without this Advantage if your judicious
"Generosity had not come in to our Assistance.

"It gives us great Pleasure that the Proprietary Family
"so many other Ways endeared to us, are so early and in so imminent
"a Manner the particular Benefactors of our Society; the honorable your
"Brother having not long since bestowed on us a valuable and
"well-situated Lot of Ground for the Convenience of a Library Room
"and Garden.

"Permit us to accompany our thankful Acknowledgements
"of these Favours, with our sincere Assurances of doing all that lies
"in our Power to merit the Continuance of your Regards."

Philadelphia August 8th 1758.

William Allen,	Tho. Hopkinson,
Alex. Graydon,	W ^m Plumstead,
Tho. Cadwalader,	W ^m Coleman,
B. Franklin,	Hugh Roberts,
Richard Peters,	Philip Syng Esq.

To Mr. Peter Collinson

"Respected Friend.

Philad. August 16th 1758.

"The foregoing Letter is a Copy of my last, and en-
"closed are a Duplicate of the Catalogue of Books and a Second Bill of Exch^g.

"I have no other Orders, save an Addition to the Title of one
"Book and an Amendment of another, which (as here) I have set down
"under the Catalogue, viz. The Independent Whig, the last Edition, con-
"taining an Address to the Bishop of the Isle of Man. The History of
"Sweden with L^d Mollisworth's Preface.

"D^r Tho. Bond, my intimate Friend, is the Bearer of this, who
"(if he be asked) will give a surprising Account of a new discovered The-
"nomenon, of a Dog's breeding Snakes in his Liver after being having been
"bit by Snakes & recovered."

"I am with the kindest Respects

"Your sincere Friend

"Joseph Brintnall"

September 11th 1738 At this monthly Meeting the Directors
 Sept^r that met at John Roberts's were only Thomas Hopkinson, Thomas
 1738 Cadwalader, Philip Syng & Benjamin Franklin. —

October 9th Edward Scull (who was allowed of the 13th of
 March last) produced to me George Boones's Assignment of his share
 to the said Edward for the Consideration of £5. Upon which he
 sealed and delivered in presence of Jos. Taylor & Price Peters. —

October 9th At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's
 (Present. A. G. R. D. J. H. P. S. P. B. & B. F.) it was agreed that R. Peters
 and B. Franklin write a Letter of Thanks to D^r Walter Sydesse
 of Antigua in Behalf of the Library Company for the Sum he has
 been pleased to bestow on the Company to buy Books with due
 by Bond from William Alexander.

October 16th John Sober delivered to me to keep for the
 Use of the Library Company an Obligation of William Alexander
 of Maryland Merchant to James Morris the Company's Treas^r.
 dated October 2^d Inst. conditioned to pay £34. 6. 3 current Lawful
 Money of G. Britain on or before the 2^d Day of April next with
 Interest. Mem^t the said Alexander owed to D^r Walter Sydesse
 on Bond principal & Interest £58. 6. 8 Pennsylvania Currency.
 And the said Sydesse lately hearing by John Sober, of the
 Library in Philadelphia He sent by said Sober the said Bond
 for his Father Thomas Sober to receive & pay to the Directors,
 to purchase Books for the Library. The said Alexander coming
 to Town the Bond was renewed in Sterling Money as above, at
 the present Rate of Bills of Exchange. For which Bond I gave
 a Receipt written on the Back of D^r Sydesse's Letter to M^r
 Tho^s Sober Merch^t in Philad^a. Which Letter I have copied
 hereunder. viz^t

"Antigua June 18th 1738. —

"Sir
 "The noble Design and most commendable Emula-
 "tion of the young Gentlemen of your Province in erecting a
 "public Library for the Advancement of Learning, promiseth
 "so much good to Mankind that I cannot withhold from
 "contributing my Mite.

"It is my Desire therefore, that as soon as possible,
 "you get my Money from W. Alexander, and deducting

"what Expences you have or may be at in recovering it
 "pay the Ballance to the Directors to purchase Books for the
 October Library.

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"If, hereby, others are prevailed on, to lend a Hand to
 "promote so great a Good, and so uncommon a Virtue, your infant
 "Colony will, in a few Ages, be ranked the first in the Calendar
 "of all the American Settlements. That so great and so good a
 "Design may prosper is and shall be the constant Wishes of

"Yr most humble Servt.

"Walter Sydney".

October 17th 1738. I received from W^m Logan a parcel
 of Books just arrived from Peter Collinson. The acct. as follows.

1 Bayle 140 to 148 Ends.	£ 0 " 9 " 0
1 Works Learned Lang. to June	" 6 " "
1 London Mag. Feb. to June incl.	" 2 " 6 "
D ^r . Shaw's Travels, Folio	£ 0 " 17 " 6
Binding	1 " 1 " 0
	£ 0 " 4 " 6
	£ 2 " 3 " 0

Mr. Collinson in his Letter only acquaints me of
 his having sent a parcel for the Library Company, And that
 this Capt. being a Stranger to him he had got his Friend
 Lawrence Williams to put it carefully up in his Letter Box
 And gives his Respects to the Gentlemen of the Company.

November 13th 1738. At this Monthly Meeting came
 only B. Franklin, T. Hopkinson, T. Cadwalader, & W. Palmsted
 with the Treasurer James Morris.

December 4th. NB: The Library Affair has
 hitherto been many ways fortunate. The Books sent for to
 England have always come safe and without Damage; very
 few of the Books have been lost or carelessly defaced; a good
 Agreement has for the most part subsisted in the Company, and
 all the Officers have proved faithfull in their several Trusts, as
 far as hath yet been discovered; the Library has received
 Benefactions from several Gentlemen and Well-wishers, and
 increases in its Reputation, And not one Subscriber is deceased
 (that I have heard of) except Joseph Grown who died the 22^d of May last.

I have presumed to make this Note without Direction
 Because I think it will not be disapproved of, & may prove useful,

Another seven years, as successful as the foregoing must shew the Library Company in a very flourishing Condition, and to Decem^r be more publicly known and esteemed. —

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The Gentlemen appointed to write a Letter of Thanks to Doct^r Sydesse having not yet done it, and M^r Peters who undertook to draw a sketch of it being fully engaged in the Business of his Office, it lay upon me to write it, lest it should not be ready to go with Edward Jones; who is hurrying away for Antigua if the Ice increasing in the River does not prevent his Sailing. It might have appeared with greater Elegance but for the Reasons premised. The following is what I wrote & copied to go by.

Philad^a Dec^r 9th 1738. —

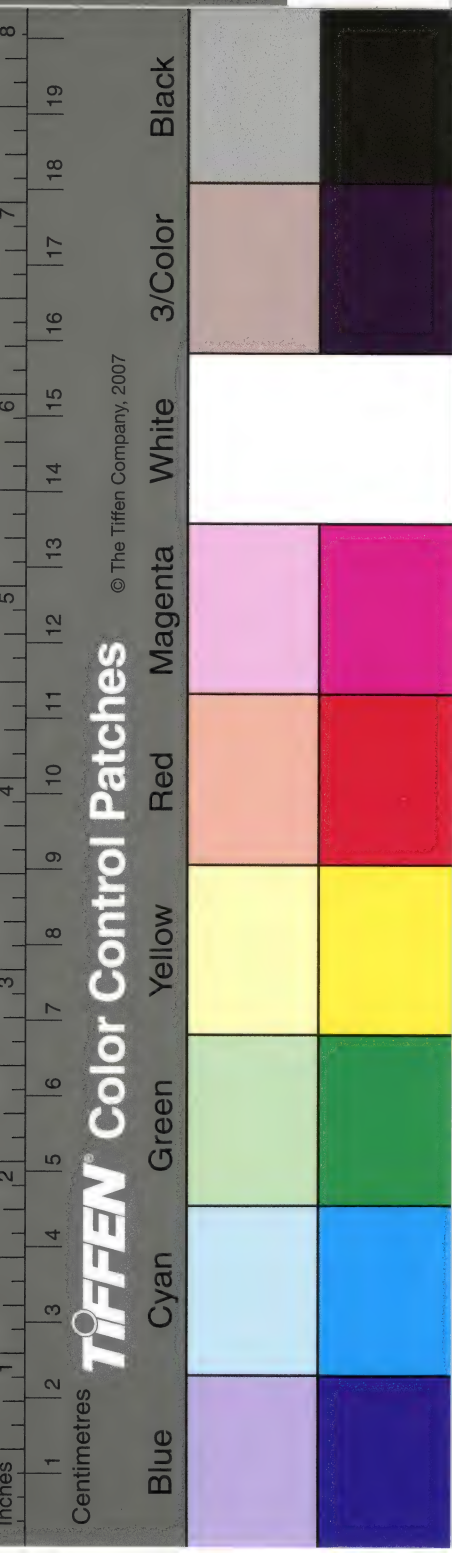
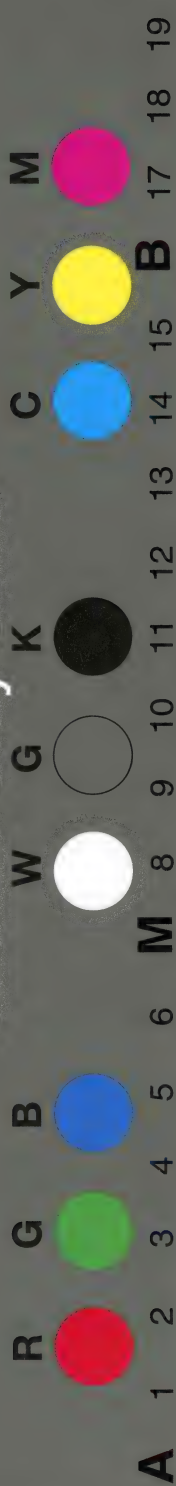
Sir

"M^r John Sober, in Pursuance of your Letter to his
"Father bearing Date the 18th of June last, has taken a new Bond
"of W^m Alexander for the Debt and Interest he owed you, payable
"to the Library Company's Treasurer, and due Care will be
"used that the Money when received shall be employed in pur-
"chasing Books for the Library. —

"It was fortunate for the Company that this
"young Gentleman, one of their Number and an intelligent Person
"happened to have an Intimacy with you in Antigua and to
"give you a Relation of our Design & Proceedings, but more
"fortunate was it that this Relation was given to a Gentleman
"so susceptible of Impressions in favour of an Undertaking
"calculated for the Advancement of Learning and useful Knowledge
"for to have spoken in the most elegant and advantageous Man-
"ner to one of no Generosity or true ^{delish} politeness and Literature,
"must have failed of producing the Benefaction you have
"been pleased to bestow upon us. —

"The generous Sentiments you express of our
"Design, in your Letter to M^r Sober, and the considerable Present
"you have made us, could not be effaced from our Memory tho'
"our Minutes had omitted to mention them; & we doubt not from
"your worthy Example, others will be prevailed upon (according
"to your Wishes) to promote the Library. —

"Sir, the Directors in Behalf of the Company, offer



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"you their hearty Thanks and sincere acknowledgements for
 "the signal Obligation you have laid them under, which ought
 Decem.^r always to be repented with the highest Gratitude & Esteem
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"Signed by Order of the Directors

"Joseph Breintnall Secretary"

To Doct^r Walter Sydney
 in Antigua.

December 11th. At a Monthly Meeting at
 John Roberts's of seven Directors, with the Librarian Treasurer &
 Secretary (Absent Mr. Allen, Mr. Peters, & Mr. Coleman; the latter gone
 for England) 'twas consulted who should be made a Director in the
 Room of W^m Coleman; and the Papers of last Election being looked
 over, whereby it appeared Samuel Rhoads was one of those
 Members that had the highest Number of Votes next to them that
 were elected, he was now chosen a Director to serve instead of Mr.
 Coleman until the Time for the Annual Election in May next. -
 And I was ordered to give him Notice accordingly, to meet with the
 Directors on the Evening of the second Monday in the next Month -

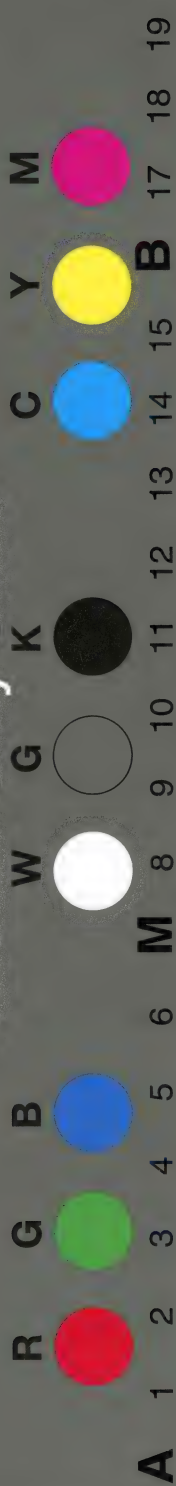
Two Persons, (Merchants in this Town) were mentioned
 by some of the Directors, as new Applicants to be Subscribers to the
 Library viz. Hugh Davy & Samuel Boombe, and they were both
 approved and allowed of. —

December 22^d. Robert Greenway this Day executed
 the Library Deed. It is long since his taking to the Share of Thomas
 Edwards was assented to by those Directors to whom W^m Parsons men-
 tioned it; and perhaps it is not minuted. Greenway has an Assign-
 ment, indorsed on Edwards's Certificate bearing Date the 5th Day of
 June 1736, and hath since paid the Treasurer two Annual Ten
 Shilling Payments. —

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January 8th 1739 At a Monthly Meeting at John
 Roberts's present A. Peters, S. Rhoads, T. Cadwalader, P. Syng, H. Roberts
 & B. Franklin with the Treasurer. It having been agreed on, at a
 late Meeting when a proper Majority was present, that the Air-
 Pump should be taken from Mr. Jenkins's to the Library Room, the
 Directors now met together, signed an Order or Writing directed
 to the Treasurer & Librarian that they wait on Mr. Jenkins for the
 Air pump and give him a Receipt for it upon his delivering it -
 up to them to be placed in the Library. —

The Air pump was brought to the Library Room. —



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February 5th 1739. Received a Letter from P. Collinson
 Feb. 7th 1739. Capt. Alden, which says our Bill of £33 on Sympson was accepted
 and paid. — With the Letter came the Company's Acc^t. from P. C.
 making Ballance due to him 6/6. — Also enclosed therewith were
 the London Magazine for Sept. 1738, & Hist. of 4th Works of 4th Learned
 for September. —

February 8th Rec^d. from on Board the Ship Minerva
 Nathaniel Alden Master a Case of Books for the Library Com-
 pany which were wrote for in July last. The sum total of
 the Bookseller's Catalogue is £32. 8. 2 Under which Catalogue
 the Book seller charges for Pamphlets, particularly mentioned
 18/- which is to be added to the Ballance before mentioned. —

Feb. 9th 10th. The Books having been taken out of the Case
 at my Office to get at some things belonging to John Bartram,
 they were again repacked & sent to the Library, where the Di-
 rectors will compare them with the Bookseller's Acc^t. sent
 therewith. W. Parsons & I compared the Bookseller's Account with
 that which was sent to P. Collinson in July last, and find omitted
 the Roman History by Caton & Rouille translated 3 Vol. & the Price
 Nine Pounds, also the Hist. of Sweden by Lord Carteret's Secy.
 And there is added by P. Collinson a curious Piece, Spectacle
 De la Nature 3 Volumes. —

Feb. 12th. At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's
 present only Six Directors, viz. B. Franklin, T. Cadwallader,
 T. Hopkinson, H. Roberts, R. Peters & J. Rhoads with the Officers
 of the Library C^o. 'Twas only observed that our Books by Capt.
 Alden are charged at high Prices, and that the Bookseller
 has entered in his Catalogue Vol. 6, 7 & 8 of the Philosoph^{ic}.
 Transactions, the first two ~~are~~ we writ for & they are come
 but not the last. —

March 12th 1739. At a Monthly Meeting at John
 Roberts's present. A. G., W. P., T. H., T. C., & P. S., & J. R. with the
 Officers. — Nothing done to be minuted. —

April 9th. At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's
 present B. F., T. C., T. H., P. S., W. P., & J. R. with the Treasurer. —

April 22nd. This Day I received a Letter from P. C.
 by Capt. Wright, the Parts of it relating to the Library are
 as follows viz.

"My Bookseller thinks the Address to the Bishop of the Isle
"of Man is in the last Edition, please in the next to let me know
April "more on this Head; or if this Address is wanting please to return
1739 "yours to be changed for one that has it. —

"The History of Sweden comes now with the other Pam-
"phlets, with Martin's Philosoph.^{ic} Grammar which I take the
"Liberty to recommend being a very useful Book & much es-
"timated here. Pray my Respects to all the Gentlemen"

April 27th 1739 Received from Capt. Wright Books &
Pamphlets with the Booksellers Acc^t of them Viz: —

"Library Company

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"Bought of W^m Meadows

" Works Learned, Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. 7. — — — —	£ — 4 — 0
" Magazine from Sept. to Jan. 7. inclus. — — — —	2 — 6
" 1 Martin's Philosoph. ^{ic} Grammar. — — — —	6 — 0
" 1 L. Molesworth Sweden — — — —	5 — 6
" King's Speech & 2 Addresses — — — —	0 — 6
" Convention — — — —	0 — 6
	£ — 19 — 0

May 1st 1739. George Emilen being minded to purchase
the Share of Joseph Growden dead in order to assign it to his
Son George when he comes of Age (which will be in a few Months)
I spoke to all the Directors concerning it, and had their Consent
(except R. Peters & P. Syng who were from Home) And George pro-
ducing an Assignment of the said Share under the Hand and
Seal of Hannah Growden sole Executrix of the said Joseph for
the Consideration of Five Pounds, did then subscribe his Name
to the Company's Deed of Copartnership in due Form. —

May 7th 1739. At a Meeting of the Company at John
Robert's, it being Election Day present Eight Directors Viz:
B. Franklin, H. Roberts, T. Cadwallader, P. Syng, W. Plumsted,
A. Graydon, S. Rhoads & T. Hopkinson (absent W. Allen and
R. Peters) the Treasurer's Acc^t was examined & compared with
the Minutes, and found to be right; and accordingly under-
written & signed by the Directors. He debits Cash paid in May
1738. to W. Parsons p^r Order £4. 13 — And in June to W. Allen for
a Bill of Exchange £55. 5. 6. And Credits a Balance in May
1738 £25. 10. 7. And by 67 Subscribers Annual Payments £33. 10. —
and his own 10/ and afterwards Anthony Turniff's 6th Annual

Payment and Forfeiture 15/ & I Profet 2: 15/ Making a Ballance
to be carried to the Credit of the Company's new account £1.2...1

May 1739 The Librarian being in the Country his acct. was not exhibited
B. Franklin drew up a small acct. charging the Comp^y. for

Also Thomas Hopkinson charging for Quick Silver, —
Leather, Bladders, Oil, a Sponge & for the Air pump, ~~glases~~
16/ Also Philip Syng, charging for cementing Air pump Glases
and for two Keys, with other necessaries towards making
Experiments with the Pump 20/ Which 3 acct^s were allowed of
and Orders signed by the Directors to James Morris Treasurer to
discharge them. The Election coming on, Samuel Combs
(who was admitted in December last; and is yet to subscribe)
paid his Entrance Money to the Treasurer £5. & 10/ for the
Yearly Payment. And Hugh Davy (who was admitted th to
Combs & is yet to subscribe) sent his £5 by Philip Syng
& also 10/ for his Annual Payment, which W. Syng delivered
to the Treasure.

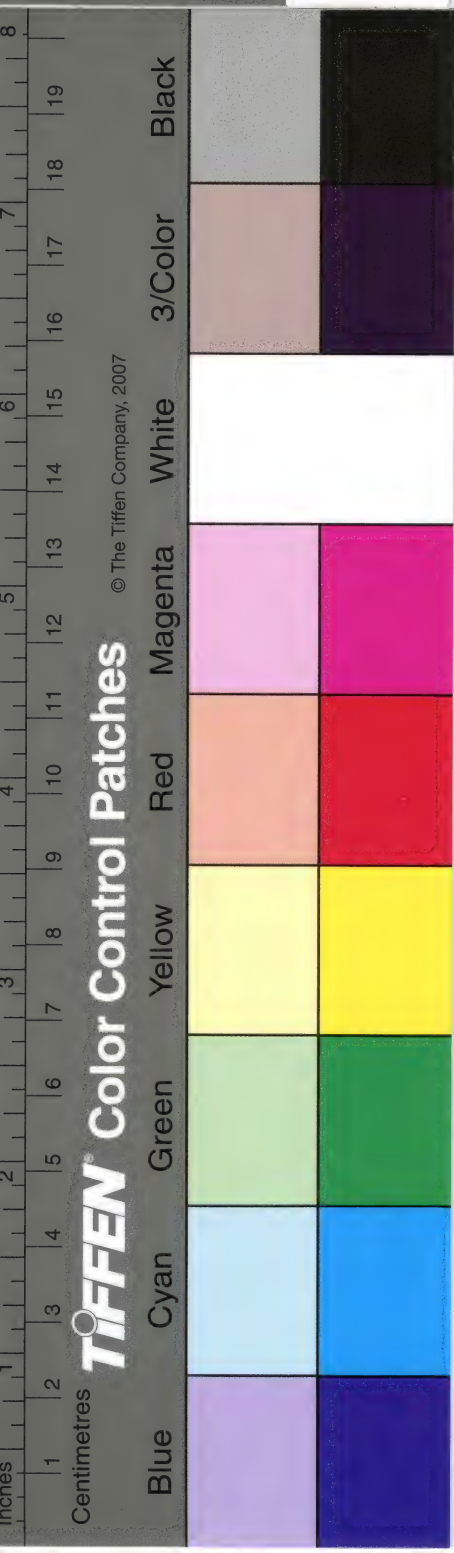
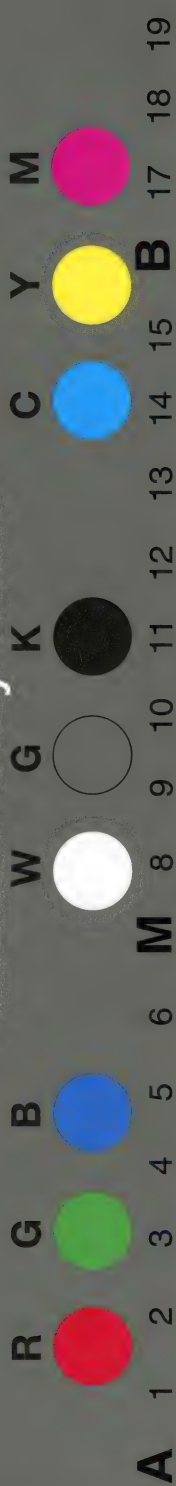
The Treasurer rece^d. of and for — 69 Subs.^{rs} 10/ p^o —
His own exempt. — 1
C. Brockden's — 1 Exempt
N. Scull — 1
E. Scull — 1 } Made Default
A. Furnis — 1 }
74 Shares

The Directors chosen are

. Benjamin Franklin	. William Coleman
. Thomas Hopkinson	. Hugh Roberts
. Philip Syng	. Alex ^r . Graydon
. William Plumsted	. Robert Greene
. William Allen	. Samuel Rhoads.

James Morris Treasurer.

May 11th 1739. Evan Morgan (a Subscriber) brought me
a Letter which he received from Cap^t William Spafford,
who arrived to Day from Antigua. 'Tis in answer to a Letter
of Thanks which I wrote to D^r. Sydesfein in December last.
The Letter received is as follows viz^t —



"Sir.

Antigua April 9th 1739.

"The Honour you have done me by Order of
 Mary the Directors, will forever imprint in me a just Esteem of your
 1739 Company, and perpetuate my Wishes for the Success of so useful
 an Undertaking. I am sincerely

"Sir. Your most hble Serv^t.
 "W^m Sydeserfe"

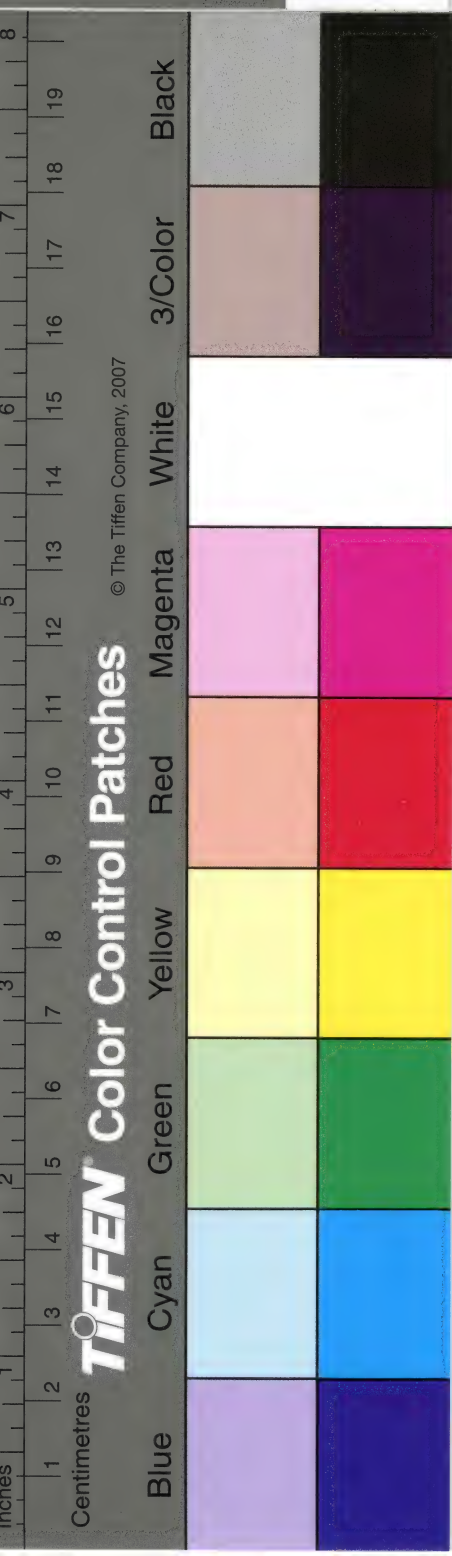
May 14th 1739. This was the Time for Commencement
 of Monthly Meetings of the Directors at John Roberts's. But several
 of them being from Home, there only appeared. B. Franklin
 W. Coleman, A. Graydon, W. Plumsted, & T. Rhoads, with the Treas-
 urer & Secretary. The Librarian also being out of Town, —
 nothing was done to be initiated, except this, that William
 Alexander's Bond being due the 2^d of last Month, the Directors
 present were of Opinion the Money should be demanded of him,
 to be sent to England (with the Money in the Treasurer's Hands)
 to purchase Books to come by next Fall. And the Directors present
 (except Mr. Graydon, whose Business called him away) subscribed
 to the usual Agreement of duly attending the Meetings of the
 Company for the current Year, under the usual Forfeiture
 upon Failure —

May 15th. — Having learnt of Thomas Sobers how
 to direct a Letter to W^m Alexander, I wrote one to him, to be
 signed by James Morris our Treasurer, which I delivered him
 to sign and send. A Copy of it follows. Viz^t.
 "Friend Alexander.

Philad^a May 15th 1739.

"They Bond to me dated 2^d of October 1738
 for £34. 6. 3. Sterlg. with Interest was due & payable the 2^d
 Day of the last Month. The Money as it belongs to the Library
 Company of Philad^a was enquired after at a late Meeting of
 the Directors of the said Company, and the Directors ordered me
 to demand it, to be apply'd (with other Monies they are shortly
 sending to England) to the Use intended by D. Sydeserfe viz. to
 purchase Books for the Library. Therefore I desire, and must
 insist upon speedy Payment, in a good Bill of Exchange or
 otherwise to equal Value.

"Thy Friend &c



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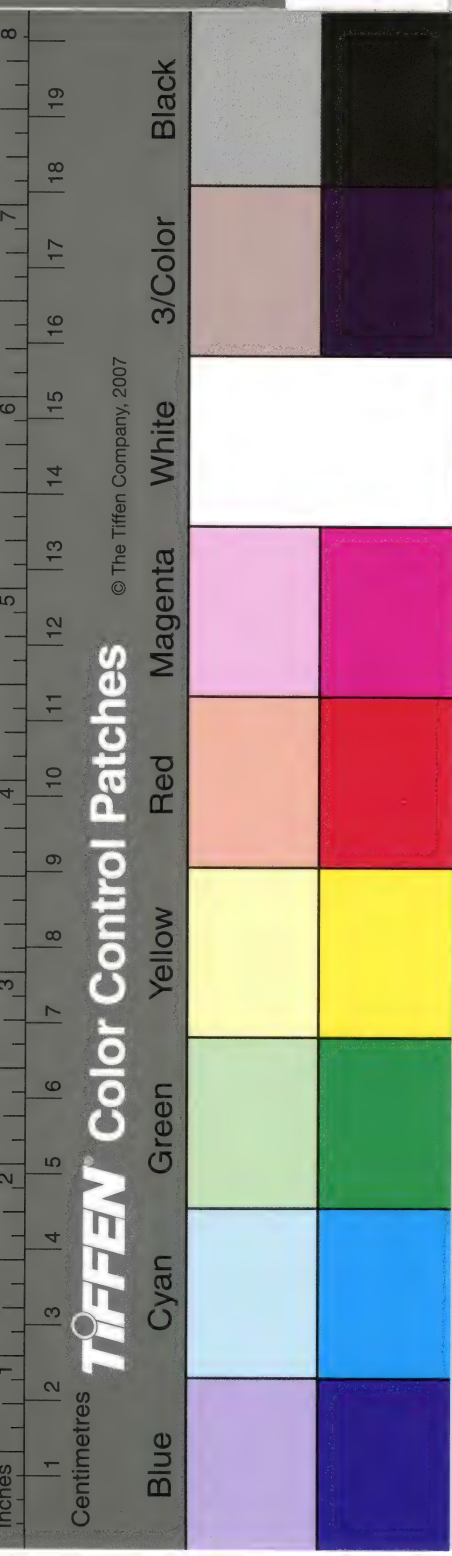
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June 11th 1739. — At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's present Ben: Franklin, W^m Coleman, T. Rhoads, Tho^s Hopkinson, Rob. Grace, & Hugh Roberts with the Treasurer The Directors present agreed for themselves that when there shall be occasion to give Notice to the rest for a full Meeting at any appointed Time, they will take that Trouble in Turn. And that Thomas Hopkinson give Notice Tomorrow for a Meeting next Monday and for the Directors to bring with them a Catalogue of such Books as they would have sent for

June 18th — At a Meeting at John Roberts's, pursuant to the Notice given, as mentioned to be in the Minute last foregoing there only came W. Allen, B. Franklin, W^m Coleman, T. Hopkinson & T. Rhoads. — Several Catalogues were produced, and from them a List begun of Books to be sent for, & continued to the Value of near Forty Pounds Sterling. which List is intended to be revised, & added to at a full Meeting, if it can be procured, this Day week. — W. Allen offering to furnish the Company with a Bill of Exchange answerable to the Money our Treasurer has in his Hands, or to the Amount of that & the Sum due from Alexander.

June 21st — M^r Richard Peters having been requested to assist the Directors in their Catalogue of new Books, was willing to attend them if they could meet this Evening, his Business soon requiring him to go into the Country. Notice was therefore given to all of them except Philip Syng & Robert Grace, who are not in Town. —

The Librarian too is from Home & has been for many weeks. There met therefore at John Roberts's, B. Franklin W. Coleman, T. Hopkinson & Roberts, W. Plumsted & T. Rhoads with the Treasurer &c. The List of Books was continued to the Sum of £55. 19. 6 Sterl. as estimated & left to be completed at next Monthly Meeting. — M^r Peters informed the Directors that he had enquired into the Causes of the Delay of the Patent for the Lot of ground which the Proprietor long ago gave to the Company; & that the Proprietor is willing to procure them a Charter for their Incorporation, if the Company are inclined to request it, and will get one well drawn up for his Perusal; and that as the Patent, for the Reasons he gave, had been hitherto delayed



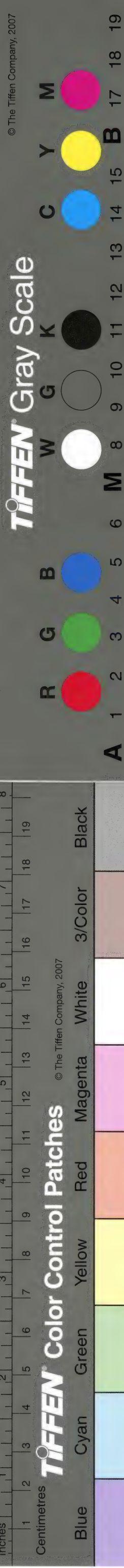
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it was thought advisable to let it yet remain undone, until the Minds of the Company were known, and if they should agree to have a Charter it would be best to ~~present~~ present them the Patent after they were incorporated. — This Discourse of M. Peters's was very pleasing to the Directors present, and they were of Opinion that the properest Way of proceeding in Pursuance of it, would be for me to take to Benjⁿ Franklin tomorrow Morning, a compleat List of the Subscribers in Partnership, from whence each of the Directors should take a Share of the Names, & speak with the Subscribers as speedily as they conveniently could, to know their Minds in the Premises.

June 22^d. I sent to B. Franklin a List of the Names of the 74 Subscribers (marking John Syng doct).

July 9th 1799. — At a Monthly Meeting of all the Directors at John Roberts's (except W. Allen who is in the Country) the Catalogue of Books to be sent for was read over, & a Book of 1/6 Price added, without any other Alteration. I was computed that the Treasurer keeping in his Hands the Librarian's Salary (who is from Home) for last Year, would have about such a Sum left, as with the Monies principal & Interest due from M. Alexander would pay for a Bill of Exchange of £58 Sterl^g which he was ordered to speak for to W. Allen, who has been pleased to offer the Favour to the Company of taking M. Alexander's Bond in part of pay; upon this Condition that if the said Bond is not in a moderate Space of Time discharged, the Company shall refund to M. Allen the Sum he advanced on acct. of it; which offer the Directors have thankfully complied with. And it was also estimated that this Bill of Exchange would purchase the Books now agreed on to be sent for if they are well bought, and pay Peter Collinson a Balance due by his last Account, and for Books & Pamphlets received since. —

I was ordered to acquaint P. Collinson that as the Directors continue to think themselves not well used by W^m Meadows in the prices of Books, and as he (P.C.) has several Times expressed a Willingness to go to any other Bookseller, he is now desired to buy his Parcel of Books of William Innes, and direct him to furnish us with the Magazines, & Hist^y of the Works of the Learned, as W. Meadows used to do. —



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July 1799 It was lastly considered and concluded on, that some of the Directors should speak with the Proprietor to know his mind more fully concerning the Company's being incorporated, if they shall desire it; and T. Hopkinson learn when Mr. Allen returns to Town, and acquaint him with it, and then give Alexander Graydon Notice; they three being requested to wait on the Proprietor accordingly. —

July 12th 1799. Edward Shippen delivered me a Letter from P. Collinson, — Contents as follows —

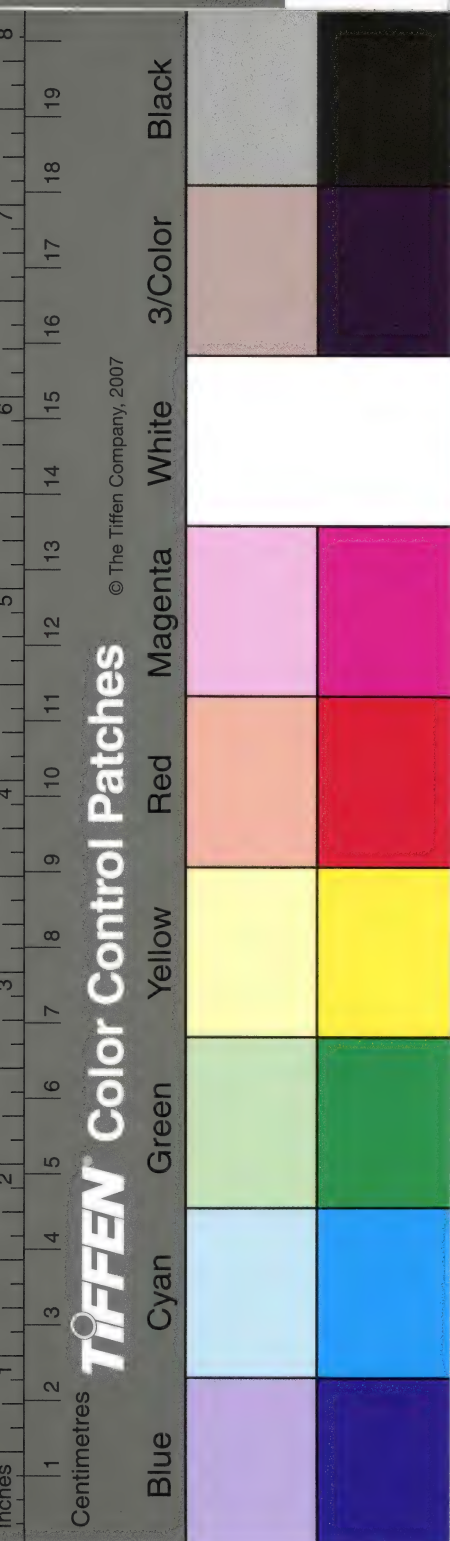
"Friend Breintnall. — London May 5th 1799.

"Incoiled in a Packet under the Care of Lawrence Williams comes the Pamphlets for the Months past. — There is also a Proposal for a very curious and useful Work; as your Province abounds with Ores & Minerals this Book may prove of great Service to the Gentlemen of your Company. I know the Editor Doc. Hemps who gives it a great Character, who is a very ingenious knowing Man in those Matters, & I believe a very honest Man.

"I am &c

1739 May 6th {Magaz. for Feb. March & April ———— £0-1-6
{Works Learned for D^r ————— 3-0
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July 20th 1739. The above mentioned Pamphlets did not come into my Hands, but W^m Parsons tells us they were yesterday brought to the Library by Sam. Coates. The Proposal of the curious Book is called Proposals for publishing by Subscription the Practice of Metallurgy, in all its Branches: containing the best Method of discovering and working of Mines; Judging & trying of Minerals; preparing & smelting of Ores; separating & refining of Metals &c All in the large Way of Business: with the entire Art of Assaying &c &c. The whole illustrated by a Set of Copper Plates done to a Scale. — Translated from a Treatise of Metallurgy lately published in Germany By M. Andr. Schuler Superintendant of the King of G. Britain's Mines at Haritz. with Improvements by John Henry Hampe, Physician to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, Member of the Imperial Academy N. C. and F. R. S. and Peter Shaw M. D. — It is computed to make 150 sheets



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besides the Copper Plates: the whole to consist of two Volumes in Folio. To be printed off, ready to deliver by Midsummer 1740. The Price to Subscribers three Guineas; two to be paid upon Subscribing and the other upon delivering a perfect Copy in Sheets. —

July 26th. — This Day I received from W^m Allen a Set of Bills of Exchange (Dated yesterday) for £52 Sterl. 9. his Draught on Mess^{rs} John & Thomas Simpson & Comp^{ys} Merch^{ts} in London payable at Forty Days Sight to M^r. P. Collinson or his Order for Value received of J^r. Morris Treasurer for the Library Comp^y. of Philadelphia. — Mem^o. I wrote an Assignment the 23rd Inst. upon W^m Alexander's Bond, which J^r. Morris has executed to William Allen. —

July 25th 1739. This Day I wrote a Letter to P. Collinson; those parts of it which concern the Library are as follows

"The 5th of Feb^y. last I received thy Letter of
"Sept. 23rd 1739. It was prudent to acquaint us with the great
"Price of the Roman History; & thy sending Spectacle de la Nature
"was approved of. — On the 22nd of April I received thine of
"Feb^y. 2nd last — as to the Independent Whig, one of the Directors
"tells me the right Edition is sent us. — The Hist. of Sweden
" & Martini's Philos. Grammar came safe & to good liking.
"The Donation (presumed to be from our Governor) was from
"D^r. Walter Sydesse. — On the 12th of this Month thine of
"the 5th of May came to Hand; the Pamphlets therein mention
"ed as also the Proposals for publishing by Subscription
"the Practice of Metallurgy, were brought to the Library
"by one of the Company into whose Hand, they fell; but
"did not come soon enough to my Knowledge to lay them
"before the Directors at their last Meeting. — For my own
"Part I can say, that thy sending Specimens and accounts
"of new and useful Treatises and Discoveries; and sometimes
"Books that are not wrote for, when the Price is not great
"is very pleasing to me, and those Proposals acceptable; and
"I hope the Directors will be willing to oblige those few of
"the Company who are studious that Way, by ordering the
"two Volumes to be subscribed for. —

"The Directors have made out a new Catalogue
"of Books, as here under; and as they continue to think



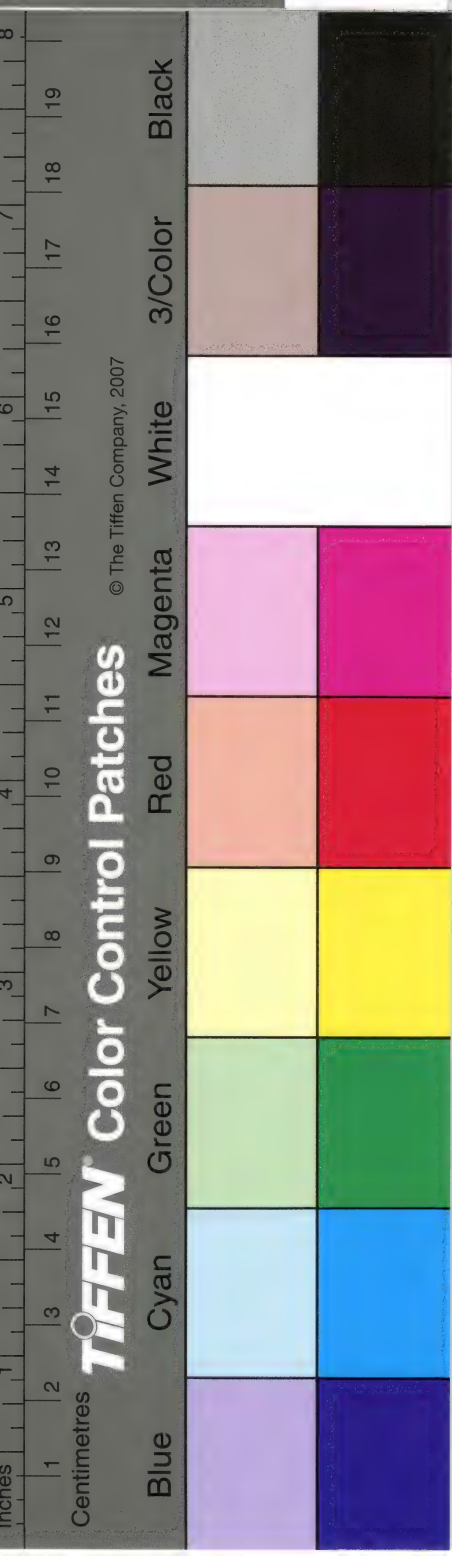
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"themselves not well used by William Meadows in the Prices of
 "Books, and as thou hast several Times expressed a Willingness
 "to go to any other Bookseller, they now request thee to buy this
 "Parcel of Books of Inny's and Manby in St. Paul's Churchyard
 "and to have from them the London Magazines & History of
 "the Works of the Learned, as they come out. Israel Pemberton
 "bought Books of them at much lower Prices than Meadows
 "charges, and they made him besides a Deduction 5th Cent.
 "for prompt Payment. Perhaps they will not sell so cheap should
 "they be told they are for a Company of Gentlemen, but it is
 "probable they may, if the Books are bought as Merchandise
 "as Pemberton's were. To purchase this Parcel and pay off
 "what the Company owes, the Directors send enclosed W^m
 "Allen's Bill of Exchange for £58 Sterl. drawn on John and
 "Thomas Simpson & Comp^{rs}. Merch^{ts} in London. - Please to
 "insure as usual, & send the Books by the first Opportunity." -

Catalogue of Books. -

P ^r . Philip Warwick's Memoirs Locke's Works, 3 Vol. Folio. - Boyle's Works abridg'd by Shaw Memoirs of a Cavalier (who served in the Army of Gust. Adolphus) Memoirs of Philip de Comines Brathwaite's Hist. of Morocco Chronicon Pretiosum, or an Account of the English Money Price of Corn &c for 4 last 600 Years Hist. of Revol. in Persia. by Crusin. Campbell's Vitruvius, containing the Plans Elevations &c of 4 regular Buildings in Great Britain Parrell's Poems Lodowick's High Dutch Dict. Domati's Civil Law Keylin's Cosmography Best Italian Comedies, in Italian Archbishop of Cambray's Tales and Tables French & Eng. -	Rushworth's Collections Catrou & Nouillet's Roman Hist. - Batavia illustrata Pere du Halde's Acc ^t of China. Milton's Prose Works, new Edition Milson's Travels Meade's Hist. of the Tartars Duke of Buckingham's Works Farriery improved, by H. Pracken Grotius on War & Peace, English. Chambers's Dict. of Arts & Sciences British Carpenter. Wood's Athenae Oxoniensis The Dunciad, with Notes 2 ^d Vol of Gay's Fables, & his other Works A High Dutch Grammar P ^r . James Melville's Memoirs Don Quixote, in the Original Trapp's Preserv. against Rom. Cath. Rel. Cambray in the Existence of God Machiavel's Works. -
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Hookers Ecclesiast. Policy.	Harrington's Oceana
Molesworth's Account of France	Tillotson's Sermons
July 1739 Montfaucon's Travels & Antiquit.	Benjamin Martin's young Students
Lewis Carnaro on Health.	Memorial or Pocket Library

July 26th 1739 I wrote a Letter to W^m Alexander for our Treasure to sign (which he did) as follows. Viz.

"Friend W^m Alexander, Philad^a. July 26th 1739

"The Directors of the Library Company, expecting a Bill of Exchange or other Pay from thee to discharge thy obligation, have made out a catalogue of Books amounting to the sums they have in their Treasurers Hands & in thine added together; but thou returning no answer to my Letter of May 15th last, they would have been disappointed had not W^m Allen (who is one of their Number) offered to draw a Bill on his Correspondent for the whole, & to accept of an assignment of thy Bond for part of Pay. He has accordingly drawn and I have assigned thy Bond to him three Days past. He expects from what he has been told, to be paid in a short Time; which please to consider and how the case is circumstanced, and do not let him wait his Money long, or be at any Trouble in Recovering it.

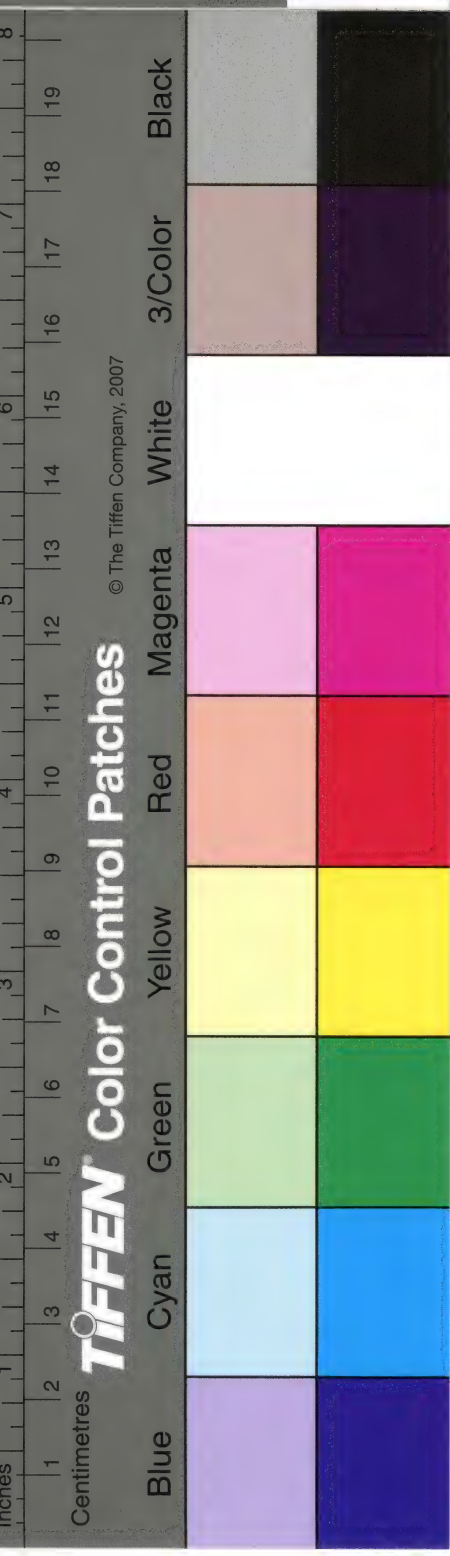
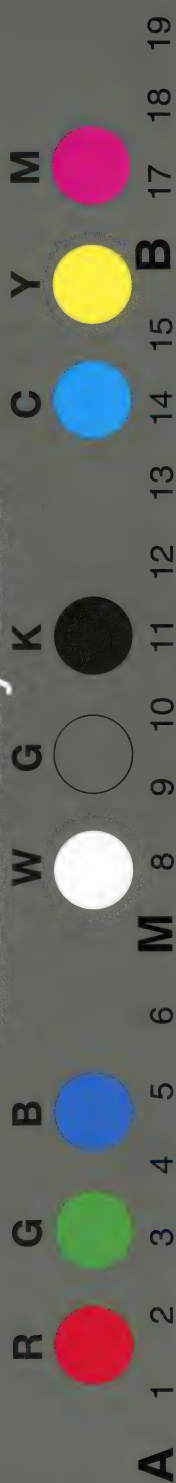
"I am thy Friend

"James Morris".

August 1739. Present at a Monthly Meeting at — John Roberts, W. Coleman, B. Franklin, T. Hopkinson, W. Plumsted, J. Syng, H. Roberts & S. Rhoads with the Treasurer Librarian & Secretary. Abs^t. W. Allen, R. Grace & A. Graydon.

The Librarian exhibited his Account dated May 1st Debiting to one years Salary £6 — Cash p^d Edmund Woolley for a new Frame & Cases for Books 15/ and Ditto paid William Mauzridge for 84 Foot of Boards for said Frame & Cases 7/. And Crediting by sundry Fines & Loans for Books £2.8.4 Making a Ballance due to him of £4.13.8. — For Payment whereof the Directors present signed an Order on the Treas^r.

One of the Directors proposed William Calendar as an Applicant to subscribe to our Constitutions & buy of the Company a share in the Library, which was allowed of. —



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September 10th 1739. At a Monthly Meeting at John Roberts's, present, B. Franklin, J. Syng, T. Hopkinson, S. Rhoads, A. Grace & H. Roberts with the Lib^r Treas^r & Sec^y.
1739 B. Franklin shewed Stephen Pott's acct. for Binding of Books, amounting to £9^{..}5^{..}6. and the Directors were told that the Press made for the Air Pump was this Evening brought to the Library. — Upon which the Directors agreed to advance £5 of a piece to the Treasurer tomorrow, towards paying off the Book Binders' acct. & for the said Press. and signed an order on the Treas^r to pay off said Pott's acct. —

October 8th. The six Directors that met this Evening viz. B. Franklin, W. Coleman, T. Hopkinson, H. Roberts, J. Syng & S. Rhoads, agreed to an Application made for 10^m Conthwaites subscribing to the Company's Deed of Partnership & Constitution upon purchasing N. Reddish's there if Consent be had thereto of another or more Directors.

Memorandum. W. Parsons was present & proposed that the Directors should raise his Salary, or take the Books from his House & appoint another Librarian —

"Dear Friend,

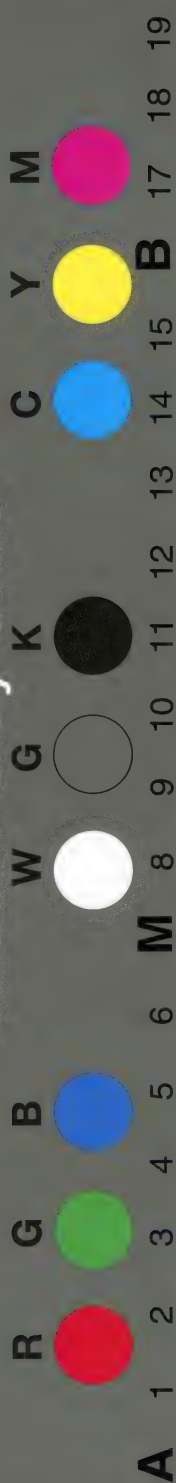
Philadelphia Nov. 8th 1739. —

"Peter Collinson,

"The foregoing is a Copy of
" what I wrote thee by Capt. Heller. This incloses a second
" Bill of Exchange of the Set drawn by William Allen on Mess^{rs}.
" John and Thomas Simpson & Comp^{rs}. Merch^{ts}. in London for
" £58. Sterl^g. payable to thyself or Order at forty Days sight
" for Value received of James Morris Treasurer for the Library
" Company of Philadelphia. —

" Since my last at a Meeting of the Directors
" I laid before them the Proposals for printing by Subscription
" the Practice of Metallurgy, but did not find them inclined
" to have the Book subscribed for. They seem'd doubtful of
" its proving injurious to some who might be willing to spend
" more Time in it than they could prudently afford to spare, &
" with little Advantage, if any, notwithstanding that the
" Book might be the best ever published. —

" I prepared the foregoing Duplicate to go by Capt.
" Hargrave the beginning of last Month, but failed in sending it.
" G. Whitefield is arrived here & preaches often to large Auditories.



"John Lober & Doct. F. Bond are arrived at New York. 95

"John Bartram is recovering from a Fit of Illness, & will be Nov^r " able to make some Returns by this Ship, which is what his 1739 Friends have doubted of.

"N. Cap. Wright"

"I am thine &c

"Joseph Brintnall"

November 12th 1739. At a Monthly Meeting at (the Widow of) John Roberts's Present B. Franklin, T. Hopkinson W. Coleman, H. Roberts, R. Grace & T. Cadwallader with the Libra^r & Treasurer. There was some Discourse concerning moving our Books and Air Pump in a short Time from W^m Parsons's House to a Room in one of the vacant Offices belonging to the State House; the Use of which was lately granted the Company by the Assembly, upon a Petition of the Directors & drawn by B. Franklin — The Directors consulted on this since the last Monthly Meeting, at a Meeting appointed for that Purpose.

Nov^r 17th W^m Crosthwaite subscribed his Name to the Library Deed in proper Form. He had the Consent of six Directors October 8th & to Day the Consent of Robert Grace, & shewed me an Assignment under the Hand and Seal of Nicholas Reddish (for a valuable Consideration) indorsed on his Original Receipt or Certificate —

Nov^r 24th Peter Evans made a Present to the Library, which I took from his House to W. Parsons's; It is a Latin Bible in Folio, with Notes by Tremellius & Junius.

Decemb^r 5th I received a Letter from P. Collinson. Viz "Respected Friend.

London Sept^r 6th 1739.

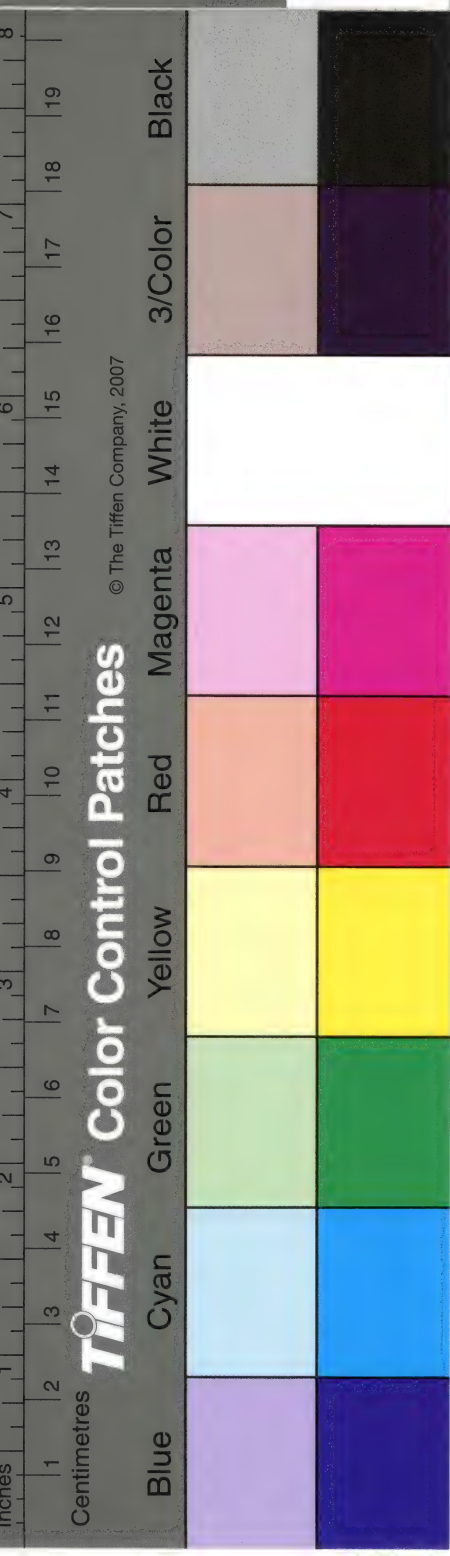
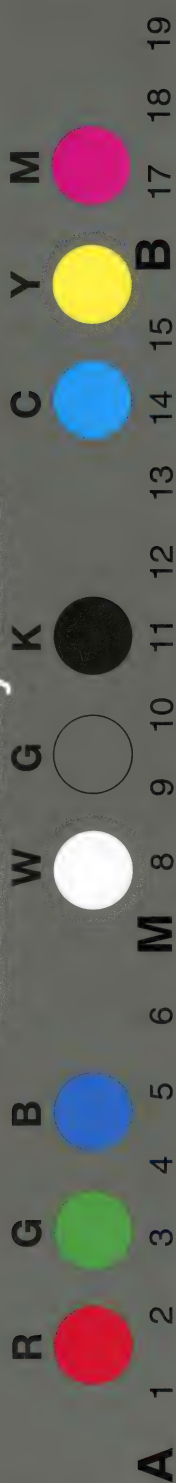
"As the Gentlemen of the Library Comp^y were pleased to accept the first Part of P. Miller's Dictionary I do myself the Pleasure to present them with a second.

"Besides many curious Articles in Botany, there are some Additions & Amendments to the several useful Subjects [as under] that may well deserve the Perusal of every Member

"I am, with Respect to thee & the Gentlemen of the Library Company, thy

"sincere Friend

"P. Collinson"



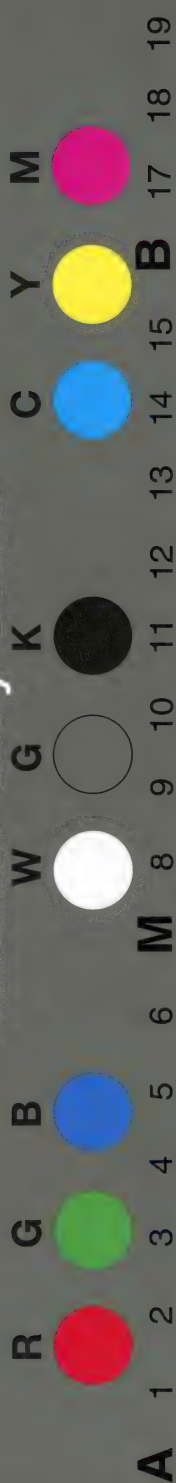
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December 8th 1739. I took to the Library (as I received them from M. Peters) the 2^d Vol of the Gardner's Dictionary, which completes the work By Philip Miller F.R.S. — Works of the Learned July, August, 1739 & London Magazine July, August. —

Dec^r 10th At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's Present all the Officers of the Library (except three Directors viz. W. Allen, R. Grace & W. Coleman) Inquiries were made concerning the Charter for the Company's Incorporation, to be drawn for the Proprietors Perusal; and concerning Locks & Window Shutters for the Room in one of the State House Offices; & persons were appointed & things agreed on for them to do speedily; which need be more particularly minuted till something more in the Premises be done.

Memorandum. In Pursuance of the Minute of the 21st of July last, some of the Directors reported that the Minds of the Subscribers, touching the Company's being incorporated, had been learnt, and it was generally approved of. I acquainted the Directors with P. Collinson's Present of M. Miller's 2^d Vol. & was ordered to return Thanks for the same. —

Decem^r 21st — I received this Evening at Dr Bond a Packet from P. Collinson. It contained some Parcels and Letters for John Bartram & A.D. & for the Library Company the Magazines & History of the Works of the Learned for May & June last; & another Sheet of Proposals (the same with that sent us in July last for publishing by Subscription the Practice of Metallurgy. — I immediately delivered to W^m Parsons the Librarian the said four Pamphlets. —

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January 14th 1740 At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's of all the Directors & Officers of the Library (Except W. Allen, W. Parsons & A. Graydon) It was resolved that the Librarian at all Times for the future, should take in from the Printer the Votes & Proceedings of the Assembly of this Province, and that as many sheets as could be, should be procured of those formerly published. — Some of the Directors mentioned the Application of Benjamin Shoemaker & Joseph Lowner to subscribe, both of which were allowed of —



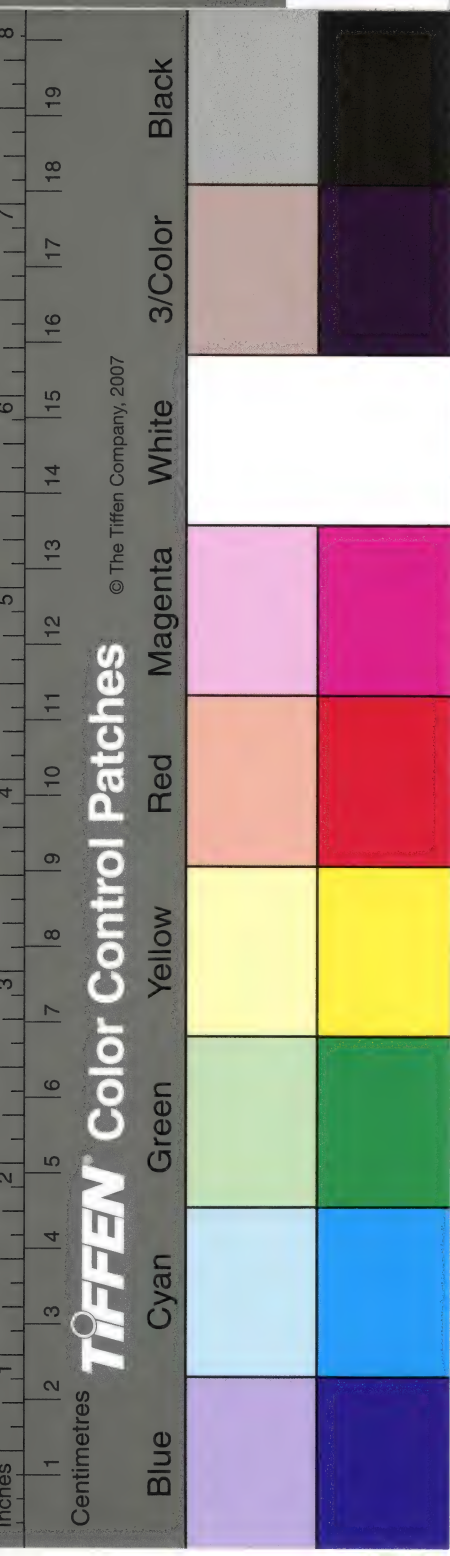
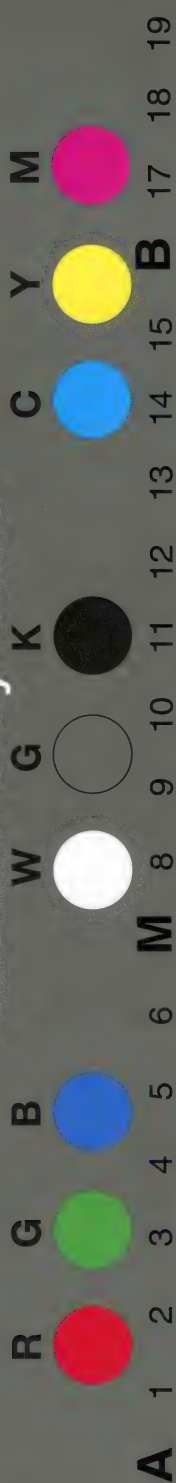
February 11th 1740. A Monthly Meeting at the residence of Robert^s of all the Directors and Officers (except W. A. G. and A. G.) The Committee appointed to make a Draught for the Company's Incorporation, brought it to this Meeting, where it was several Times read and considered, & some Proposals made concerning it, and the whole referred to further Consideration. — I acquainted the Directors that I had received a Letter from P. Collinson via New York, dated the 13th of October last; wherein he writes that he had recd mine with the Order for Books, which he would observe, and purchase them of Inngs & Comp^y. That the Bill on Simpson & Comp^y. lay for Acceptance, & doubted not but it would meet with due Honour — That having an opportunity to N. York he had sent the Pamphlets for Sept^r inclosed in a Trunk to his Friend James Alexander Esq^r to forward &c And that he would send the Books by the first ship. — Upon which B. Franklin informed that he had received a Letter from said Alexander, letting him know that P. Collinson had sent to him the said Pamphlets which he would enclose & direct to said Franklin to save Postage, if he thought well of it. — And this was approved of so to be

Feb^y. 23^d. I received a Packet at B. Franklin's from P. Collinson via N. York (mentioned above) In which were London Magazine for September, Gentlemen's for D^o. Hist: of Works of the Learned for D^o. And an Address to the Electors & other free Subjects of G. Britain occasioned by the late Seession — I took them to the Library & delivered them to William Parsons. —

At the Bottom of P. Collinson's Letter he set down thus:
 8th 8th { 2 Magazines. — 1.
 1 Works Learned. — 1.
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March 1st William Callendar paid the Treasurer £5.10. — & subscribed the Instrument of Co-Partnership. —
 March 3^d. George Emlyn ju^r. being going in a Day or two, for England (by the way of Ireland) I ad him a Letter to P. Collinson which I wrote a few Days ago

Viz. —



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"Respected Friend.

Philad. 25th 1740. —

"My last was Nov. 8th which I dont
March copy. — It inclosed a second Bill of Exchange, the first
1740 of which I see by thy Letter of 8th 13th is come to Hand,
"And the rest of my said last is not material.

"With thine of Sept^r 8th came the second part
"of Millers Dictionary, for which generous present the
"Directors have ordered Thanks to be returned. —

"On the 21st of Dec. I received a Packet contain-
"ing Magazines & Hist. of the works of the Learned for
"May & June, by Capt. Fishbourne. — The Letters also
"which it contained for Bartram & ad. I do.

"Thy Letter of October 13th I laid before the
"Directors who were pleased to hear that the Bill on
"Simpson & Comp. lay for Acceptance & that the Books
"last wrote for were to be purchased of Innys & Comp.
"and sent by the first Ship. — The Pamphlets for Sept^r
"mentioned in this Letter of October 13th to be sent to
"James Alexander Esq. fell into good Hands. — He wrote
"to B. Franklin (who is Post Master done of the Direc-
"tors of the Library Comp.) to know if this Packet could
"be sent him by the Post, free of Postage. — And so it is come.

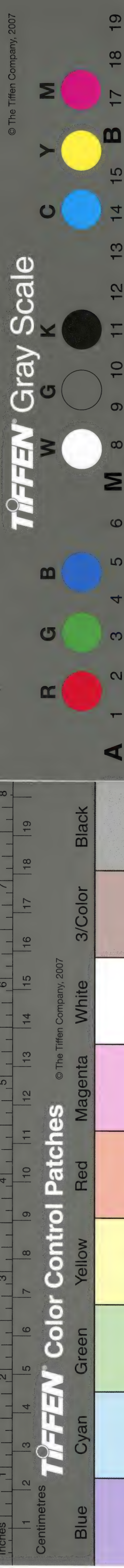
"Had the Postage been charged the Company would
"had £3. 10. — to pay. — The Letters for the Proprietor &c
"I delivered. — The Pamphlet sent us with the Magazines
"which I think must oblige the Company, i.e. An Address
"to the Electors & other free Subjects of G. Britain,
"occasioned by the late Seccession.

"I am with due Respects

"thy sincere loving Friend

"Joseph Breintnall."

March 10th 1740. At a Monthly Meeting at the
Widdow Roberts's, there was a Conversation upon the
rough Draught of the Charter, & concerning raising
the Price for the Air-Pump; but only six Directors were
there viz. Benjamin Franklin, William Coleman
Thomas Hopkinson, Hugh Roberts, Philip Syng and
Samuel Rhoads.



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April 7th 1740 This Day the Librarian, with the assistance of some of the Directors Treasurer & removed the Books, Air pump, Press & Shelves to the Upper Room of the Westmost Office of the State House, the Use of which was lately granted to the Company by the Assembly.

April 14th At this Time for a Monthly Meeting, there only met, at the Widdows Roberts's, B. Franklin, W. Coleman, P. Syng, H. Roberts & S. Rhoads, with the Treasurer & Librarian. Nothing done to be minuted.

May 5th 1740. At the Library Chamber adjacent the State House the Company had their Anniversary Election for Directors & Treasurer for the ensuing year.

As follows Viz. -

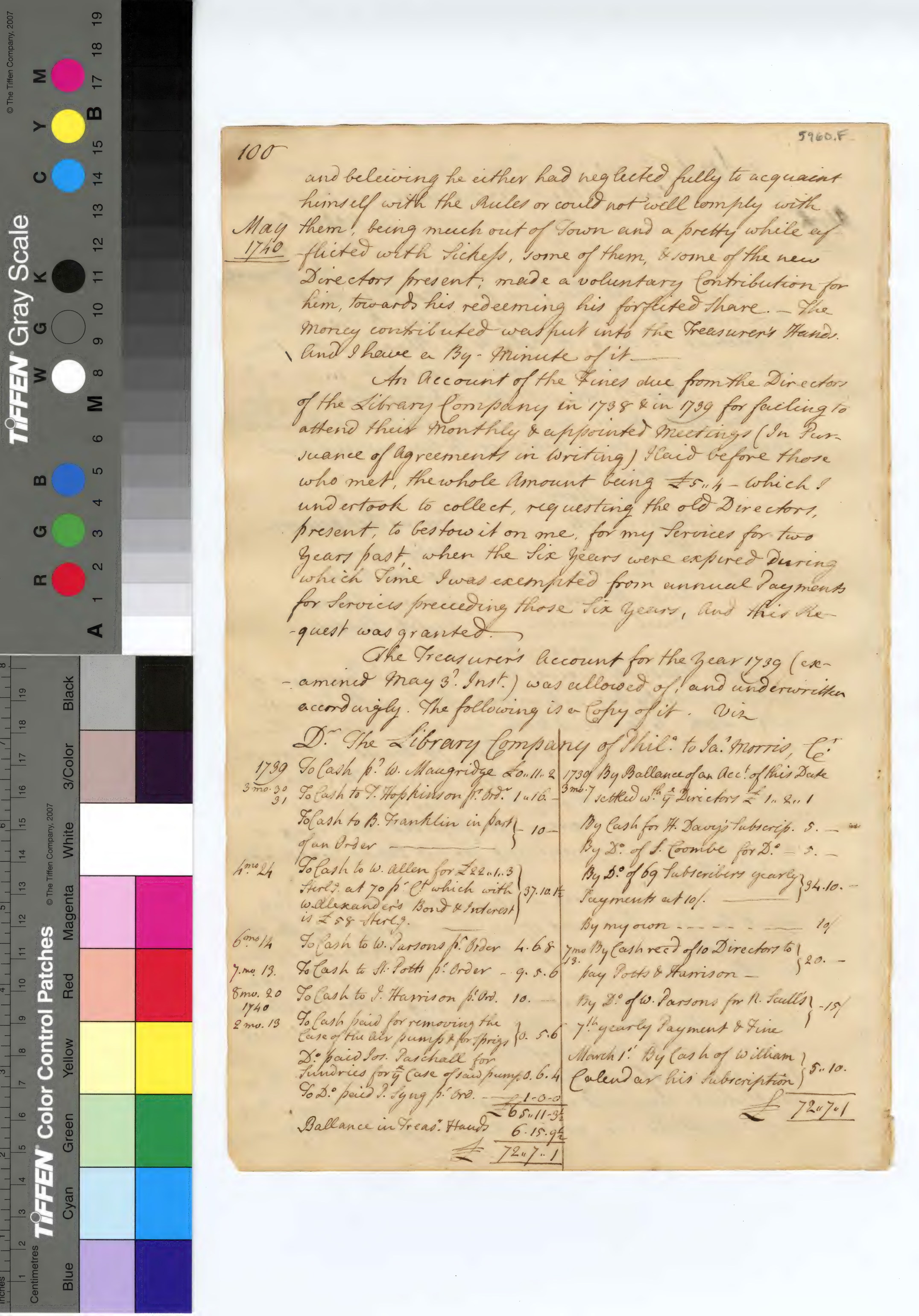
Directors

Hugh Roberts	Thomas Hopkinson
Wm Coleman	Philip Syng
B. Franklin	Phineas Bond
Evan Morgan	Samuel Rhoads
Israel Kimberton	Joseph Stretch

James Morris Treas. -

The Treasure received the 8th Annual Payment of and for Seventy One Subscribers, which, with his own, made £36. to be carried to the Company's Credit. There are in the Company at this Time 75 Shares, but not so many Persons to make the yearly payment, For C. Brockden is yet exempted, Anthony Furnis has forfeited his Share and Edward Scull's Share is also forfeited. John Syng is deceased, but the Payment due for his Share was made by John Harper.

Edward Scull making Default in his Payment last Year late sent 10/ in Lieu thereof, & 10/ for the Present Year; which being offered to the Treasurer he laid the affair before a Quorum of the Directors at the Widdows Roberts's where they met this Evening (after the Election) to finish their Business of the Year 39. And they refused allowing of the Receipt of the said 10/ & 10/- as being an Infingement of our Constitution, and would be a Precedent which they could not be justified in making. But they regretting the young Mans Loss & Disappointment



and believing he either had neglected fully to acquaint himself with the Rules or could not well comply with them, being much out of Town and a pretty while afflicted with Sickness, some of them, & some of the new Directors present, made a voluntary Contribution for him, towards his redeeming his forfeited share. - The money contributed was put into the Treasurer's Hands. And I have a By-Minute of it -

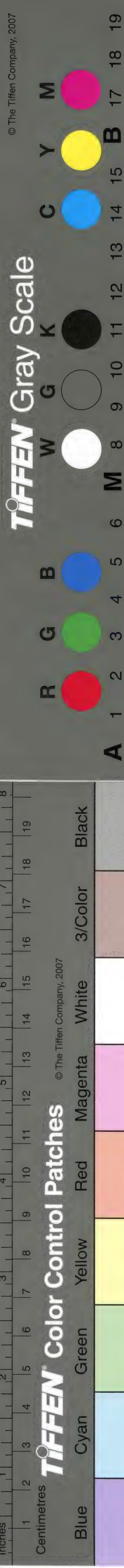
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An Account of the Fines due from the Directors of the Library Company in 1738 & in 1739 for failing to attend their Monthly & appointed Meetings (In Pursuance of Agreements in Writing) Laid before those who met, the whole Amount being £5.4 - which I undertook to collect, requesting the old Directors, present, to bestow it on me, for my Services for two Years past, when the Six Years were expired During which Time I was exempted from annual Payments for Services preceeding those Six Years, And this Request was granted.

The Treasurer's Account for the Year 1739 (examined May 3^d Inst.) was allowed of, and underwritten accordingly. The following is a Copy of it. Viz

D^r The Library Company of Phil^a to Jas^s Morris, C^t

1739	To Cash p ^d W. Maugridge L ^d 11. 2	1739	By Balance of an Acc ^t of this Date
3mo. 30	To Cash to T. Hopkinson p ^d Ord ^r 1. 16.	3mo. 7	settled w th 4 Directors £ 1. 2. 1
31	To Cash to B. Franklin in part of an Order 10.		By Cash for H. Davis's Subscrip. 5. -
4mo. 24	To Cash to W. Allen for £22. 1. 3 Sterl ^d at 70 p ^r Cent which with W. Alexander's Bond & Interest is £ 58 Sterl ^d .		By D ^r of S. Coombe for D ^r 5. -
6mo. 14	To Cash to W. Parsons p ^d Order 4. 6. 8		By D ^r of 69 Subscribers yearly Payments at 10s. 34. 10. -
7mo. 13.	To Cash to St. Potts p ^d Order 9. 5. 6	7mo. 13.	By Cash recd of 10 Directors to pay Potts & Harrison 20. -
8mo. 20	To Cash to J. Harrison p ^d Ord ^r 10. -		By D ^r of W. Parsons for R. Scull's yearly Payment & Fine 15.
1740	To Cash paid for removing the Case of the Air pump & for Springs 0. 5. 6		March 1 st By Cash of William Calendar his Subscription 5. 10.
2mo. 13	To D ^r paid Jos. Paschall for Sundries for Case of said pump 0. 6. 4		
	To D ^r paid J. Syng p ^d Ord ^r 1. 0. 0		
	Ballance in Treas ^r Hands 6. 15. 9 1/2		
	£ 72. 7. 1		



The 12th Day of May 1740.

May 1740 At a monthly Meeting of the Directors of the Li-
brary Company of Philadelphia Present Hugh Roberts, Thomas
Hopkinson, William Coleman, Benjamin Franklin, Phineas
Bond, Evan Morgan, Samuel Rhoads, Israel Pemberton and
Joseph Stetch, with the Treasurer James Morris, Librarian
William Parsons & Secretary Joseph Breintnall at the H
House of the Widow Roberts —

The following five Accounts were exhibited
examined, allowed of, & the Treasurer ordered to pay them.

Viz. — W. Parsons's. — Debiting for cleaning the Room
in the State House Office, & for Fire Wood, Sawing &c 12/3
Candles & Snuffers 1/8, Cleaning the Glazes 1/6, Nails 1/3, One
Years Attendance on the Library £6. — And for Attendance
on removing & new placing the Books & on painting the
Tress for the Air Pump — [Blank] — And crediting By
Sundry Times &c £1.0.4. which being allowed him again
against the Blank Article, the Debt due to him by
the Company amounted to £6.16.8. —

Joseph Watkin's. Charging for a large Table;
two Forms & a Stool, & for making other two Forms, making
and fixing two Frames & 9 Boxes, & for 250 foot of Boards &c
in all £5.9. —

John Winter's, Charging for painting, varnishing
& gilding the Air Pump Case £3.10. —

Christopher Marshall's. Charging for Glazing
15 Squares of London Glaz —
Hugh Roberts's. for Nails of several Sorts, & a Scutchion 2/11.

Bond was taken of the Treas. in y^e usual Form. Pen. £100
Articles of Agreement between the Directors & the
Librarian, & Bond for his Performance, were laid before the
Directors. But it being proposed that he for the future keep
a more particular Account of Books lent & returned &c and
an Addition be made to his Salary for his Trouble therein,
which for want of Time could not be fully discussed &
determined upon, therefore the said Articles & Bond
remain yet unsigned. —

It was mentioned that George Emten Junior
being now of Age desires to be admitted a Subscriber, upon

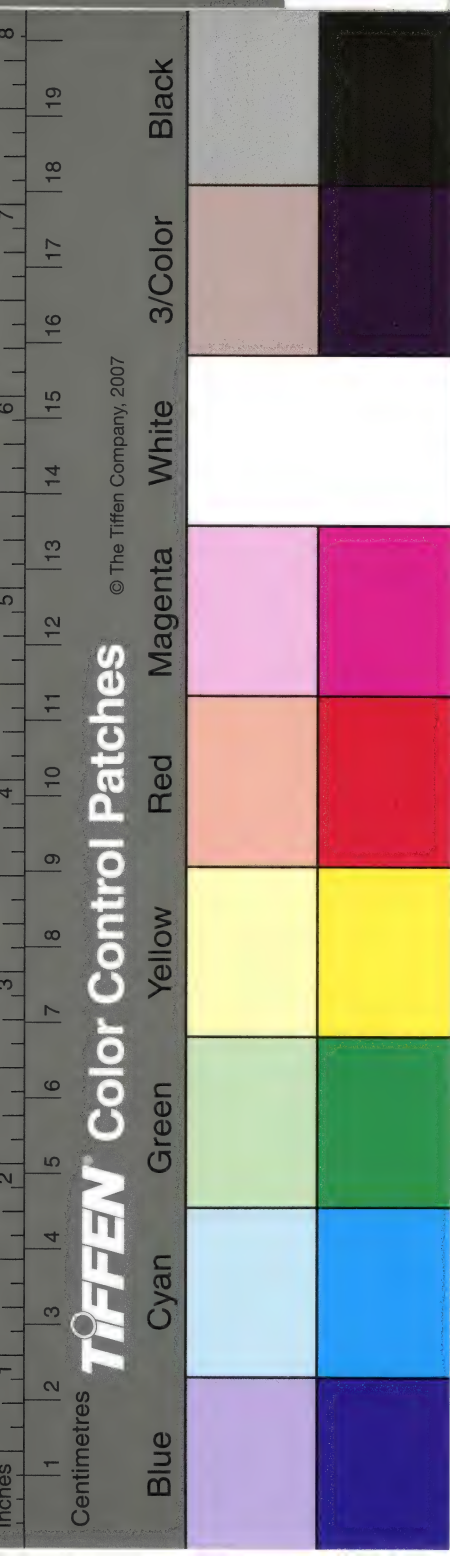
his Father's transferring his Share to him. — Also that Robert May Stettel Murch^t desired to purchase a Share in the Library 1740 and subscribe. — And both were allowed of. —

The 28th Day of May 1740. —

At a Meeting of the Directors, Present, Israel Pemberton Jun^r, J. Stretch, W. Coleman, B. Franklin, J. Syng, E. Morgan, S. Rhoads, & Ph. Bond to consider a Request made by B. Franklin in Behalf of Isaac Greenwood Professor of the Mathematics & Natural Philosophy, that they will lend him their air-pump, & allow him the Use of the Outer-Room adjoining to the Library, there to exhibit Mathematical & Philosophical Lectures & Experiments. — The Directors willing to encourage so useful a Design, agreed to grant the said Request for such a Time as will be sufficient for going thro' one Course of Experiments & Lectures. —

The 9th Day of June

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's Present, W. Coleman, S. Rhoads, J. Syng, Ph. Bond, B. Franklin, T. Hopkinson & Hugh Roberts, with the Treas^r & Secret^y. The Secretary read a Letter which he received from P. Collinson the 30th of last Month, & shewed the Company's Account therewith sent which makes a Balance due to P. Collinson £5. 8. Sterly. — And he (the Sec^y) acquainted the Directors that on the third Day of this Month he had received from on Board Cap^t. Hargrave's Ship, a Trunk of Books for the Comp^y bought by P. C. of Inny's & Manby, & that he sent them to the Library where (assisted by the Librarian & some of the Directors) he compared them with the Catalogue that came with them & the List in the Minutes of July last, & found omitted. Memoirs of a Cavalier, Pere du Halles Acc^t of China, Chronicum Pretiosum, & ½ Dozⁿ of best Italian Comedies. which Omissions are accounted for in a Paragraph of M^r. Collinson's Letter. — And that he found added (besides the Magazines & Hist^y of the works of the Learned to February inclusive) Half a Dozen, called a Set, of Russia Maps, of which M^r. Collinson writes as follows Viz. —



"As you have an Atlas to fix more Maps in, and I had June" an opportunity which I may not have again, I sent for 1740 "two Sets of Maps printed at Petersburg; one for myself and one for you; there is an Explanation belongs to two of them which when rendered into English & added to the Margin will make them very entertaining". —

The Directors unanimously agreed, & ordered B. Franklin to print, for the use of the Subscribers in Company, a compleat Catalogue of the Books belonging to the Library. —

The 14th Day of July 1740. —

At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Roberts present, B. Franklin, P. Syng, S. Rhoads, T. Hopkinson, W. Coleman, No others appearing, nothing was done to be minuted. —

The 11th Day of August 1740. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's. Present. B. Franklin, Ph. Syng, S. Rhoads, T. Hopkinson, W. Coleman, Israel Pemberton Jr. Evan Morgan & Hugh Roberts with the Treasurer. —

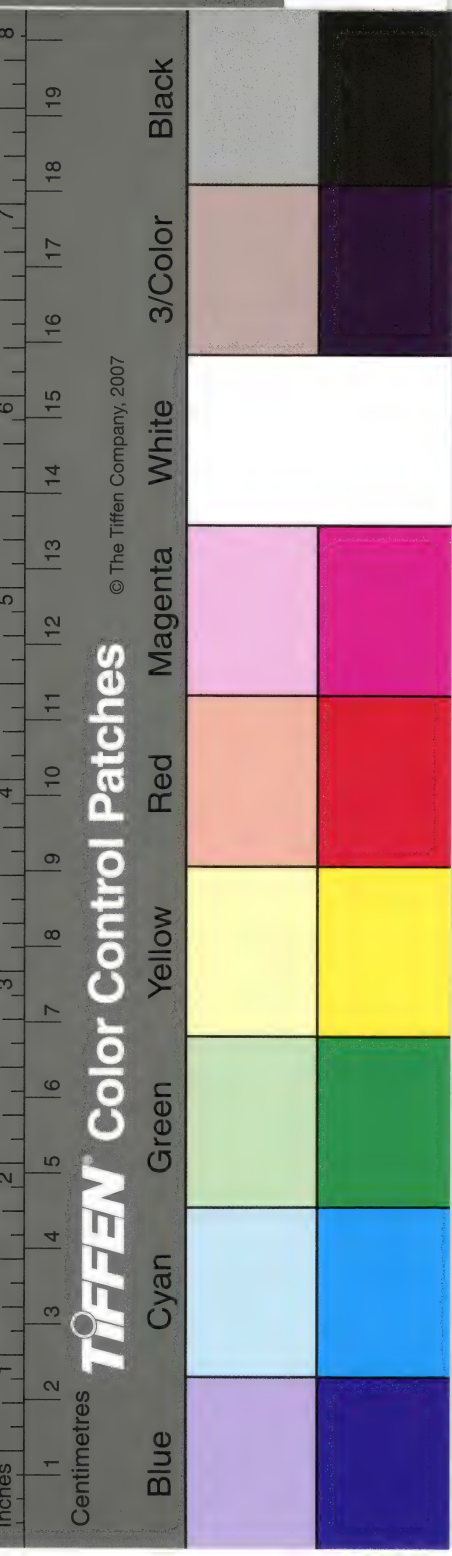
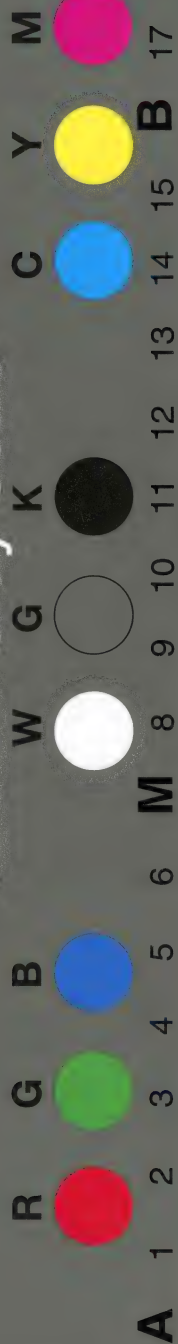
Ordered, That W. Coleman, H. Roberts, T. Hopkinson & B. Franklin, be a Committee to make & compleat a Catalogue of the Books belongg. to the Library. —

The 8th of September. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts Present B. Franklin, J. Stretch, S. Rhoads, P. Syng, Tho! Hopkinson, H. Roberts, Ph! Bond & J. Pemberton, —

The Secretary reported that George Emleu Jr. produced to him an Assignment from his, the said George Emleu's Father (dated 12th June last past) of his Right in the Library, whereupon the said Assignee was permitted to subscribe to the Library Deed, which he did according to Form the 13th of last Month. — The Directors made this Allowance the 12th May last. —

And that there came from P. Collinson Esq. Capt Wright a few Days ago, the London Magazine for March & April, & History of Works of the Learned for the same two Months; also a Character & Recommendation (on a single half sheet) of Monsieur Bayle's Dictionary. —



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Ordered. That James Morris Tho^l Hopkins on & Sept^r W^m Coleman wait on M^r Allen, & acquaint him that the 1740 Company desire W^m Alexander's Bond may be sued if it is not yet paid. —

The Directors signed an Order on James Morris Treasurer to pay W^m Maugridge £1,900. for Pine and Cedar Board, delivered John Harrison —

The 13th Day of October 1740. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts Present, B. Franklin, W. Coleman, T. Hopkins on St. Roberts, Evan Morgan, S. Rhoads & Jos. Stretch with the Librarian & Secre^ty. —

Some former Minutes were read. —

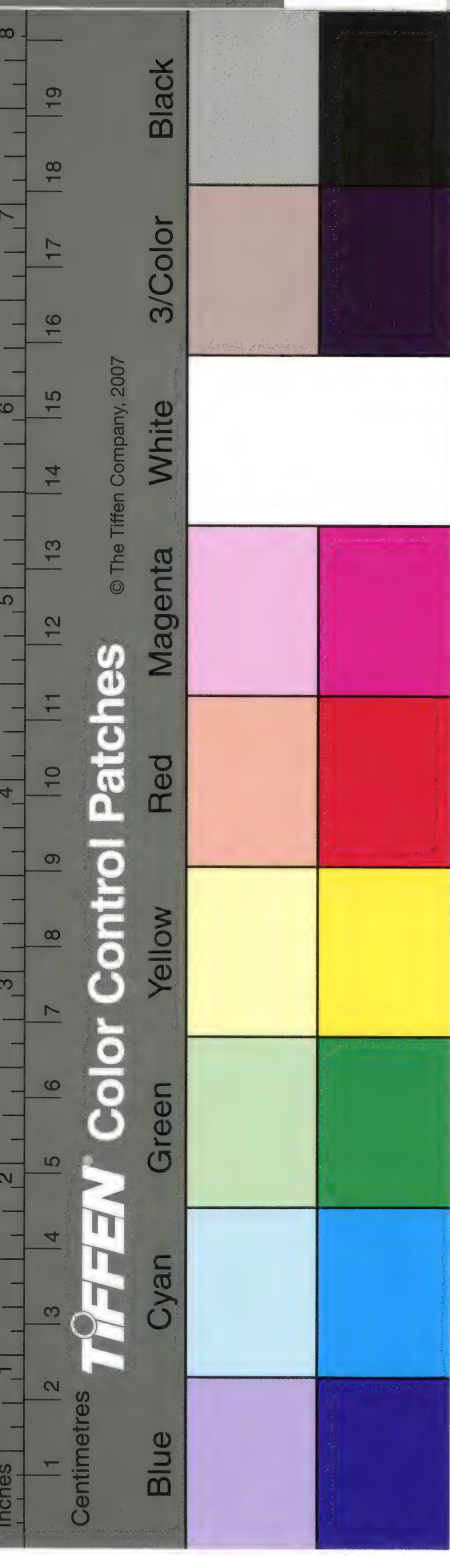
Some Discourse being had concerning a Ballance of upwards of £5 — due from the Company to Peter Collinson; Francis Richardson, who was present & is shortly going for England) made an offer of a Bill to discharge the said Ballance; which offer the Directors thanked him for; but the Treasurer not being present to inform what Cash he had in Hand, the Matter was suspended. —

The 10 of Nov^r 1740. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts Present, B. Franklin, T. Hopkins on, S. Rhoads, Ph^l Bond, H. Roberts & Ph. Syng. with the Treasurer Agreed to advance 10/ each, to purchase a Bill of Exchange to pay P. Collinson the Ballance due to him from the Company, there not being a Sum sufficient in the Treasurer's Hands. —

Also agreed that Isaac Warner subscribe to the Company's Deed of Copartnership, and take to the Share of John Syng deceased, his Brother Philip Syng (One of the Directors) being a witness to the Purchase. — But the said Isaac to get the Consent of one of the absent Directors, to make up a sufficient number for such an allowance. —

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The 8th of December 1740.

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Dec^r 1740 At a Monthly meeting at the Widow Roberts's, Present all the Directors, except War Morgan. —

The Secretary informed that he had wrote to J. Collinson, by Francis Richardson the 12th of last Month, & enclosed the first Bill of Exchange of a Lett the Treasurer lately brought him; said Richardson's Draught on Samuel & John Sedgwick Merchants in London for £5. & 8. Sterl^s. payable at Sight. — That he had received at several Times from J. Collinson since last Meeting, 4 London Magazines, & 4 Hist^y of the Works of the Learned ending with the Month of August, & had taken them to the Library — And that Isaac Warner, according to his Allowance at last Meeting had subscribed his Name to the Company- Deed, & sealed & delivered it in Presence of Joseph Taylor & Rice Peters. —

And now the Directors being solicitous to fall upon some Means for their & their Secretary's more constant Attendance upon their Meetings, they agreed that the Sec^y. shall give Notice to every of the Directors in the Afternoon of each Meeting Day, & that upon his failing so to do & of attending the Meetings himself he shall forfeit for every Time Six Shillings & Eight pence; And that there shall be a Salary allowed him of Four Pounds a Year, to be paid him out of the Forfeitures made by the Directors for their Non-attendance: But if the said Forfeitures together with his own, shall fall short of the said Sum of four Pounds, the Deficiency to be made up out of the common Stock of the Company. — The Sec^y. being present consented to this.

It was also agreed that B. Franklin get made a Dozen of Sheep-skin Covers or Cases for Folio Books, to be put on them when they are lent out. —

And that both Volumes of Chambers's Dictionary shall for the Future be lent together, if required by the Borrowers, but not for a longer Time at once than one Week. —

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The 12th of January 1741. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, Present all the Directors, who were all of them this Afternoon served with written Notices by the Sec^y. present also the Librarian and the Secretary. —

Tench Francis Attorney at Law, applied by B. Franklin to be a Subscriber, and was allowed of —

January
1741

Mention was made of Samuel Coombe's (who is lately deceased) having paid for a Share in the Library, but never subscribed or borrowed any of the Books; and it was unanimously agreed that when the Treasurer is in Cash, he shall repay the Monies to said Coombe's Widow, or to his Ex. Adm^r.

The 9th of February 1741. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, present all the Directors except Evan Morgan, they having all of them been duly served by the Secretary with written Notices at their Houses; present also the Librar^y & Secret^y. —

Several useful things were agitated, but none being yet compleat no Direction was given for any Minutes concerning them to be made. —

The 9th of March 1741. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's pres^t. J. Bond, H. Roberts, B. Franklin, J. Stretch, W. Coleman, S. Rhoads & T. Hopkinson, with the Treas^r Librar^y & Secret^y. —

Stephen Potts's Account for binding & covering of Books & pasting one of the Russia Maps on Linnen being exhibited, an Order was drawn on the Treasurer to pay him Three Pounds in full for the said Account. — The Secretary being directed to write a Letter to W^m Alexander he drew a rough Draught of one, which was approved of; a Copy of it follows viz.

"Friend William Alexander. Philad^a March 9th 1741

"Your Letter of Sept^r 16th 1739, to James Morris, acquaints him with the Receipt of his, concerning W. Allen's having taken up your Bond & furnished the Library Company with a Bill of Exchange. And you mention your having wrote Mr. Allen that you should be in Town next Month after Date & with Thanks pay him both Principal & Interest. — The Time is now so long elapsed that he with good Reason grows uneasy, and talks of returning the Bond to the Directors in a short Time. — This therefore is to desire you not to put them under a necessity of putting the Bond in suit." —

(Signed H. Order) Joseph Breinthal Sec^y.

The 13th April 1741.

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts, Present
all the Directors (except Phil^l Syng) with the Treas^r & Secret^y.

The Secretary acquainted the Directors, that last week he received from P. Collinson 3 London Magazines for October November & December, & Hist^y of the works of the Learned for said Months, & that neither of those Pamphlets for the Month of September is yet come to Hand.

The Committee appointed last August viz. W^m Coleman, H. Roberts, T. Hopkinson & B. Franklin to make out a Catalogue of the Books belonging to the Library, report they have done it; whereupon it is agreed that 200 of them shall be printed by B. Franklin against the Company's next Election Day, the 4th of May ensuing; which Catalogues shall include those formerly printed; & the Printer be paid out of the Company's common Stock.

Peter Baynton applied by Evan Morgan, to be admitted a subscriber, & was allowed of.

The 4th May 1741.

At the Library Room belonging to the State House there was a Meeting of the Company, according to due Notice publicly given, and an Election of Directors & Treasurer for the ensuing Year; where all those of last Year were again chosen viz.

Hugh Roberts	Benj ^a Franklin
William Coleman	Tho. ^s Hopkinson
Philip Syng	Evan Morgan
Samuel Rhoads	Joseph Stretch
Phineas Bond	Israel Pemberton Jun ^r
James Morris Treasurer	

The Treasurer received the 9th Annual Payment of £ for Sixty Seven Subscribers, 10s each ----- £33 "10" 0

His own Share ----- " 10. -

And for Sam.^s Combes deceased, & his Share never subscribed for ----- 10. -

£ 34 " 10. -

G. Brockden is yet exempted. Alex^r Paxton, Isaac Williams & Dan.^s Harrison made Default.

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The whole Number now in Partnership, including Hugh Davy who has paid but not yet subscribed, is 72.

Adjourning to the Widow Roberts's, the Treas.^r exhibited to the Directors his Acc^t. for the last Year, which was examined & allowed of & underwritten by seven of the Directors. The following is a Copy of it.

D^r The Library Company of Philad^a to James Morris C^r

1740
May 5th To Cash paid to 10 Directors (viz
Sam^l. Rhoads & Hopkinson, Hugh
Roberts, B. Franklin, W^m Allen
W. Plumsted, Alex^r Graydon, P. Syng
W. Coleman R. Grace 40 each for
Money advanced by them for the
Use of the Library Sept. 13. 1739 £ 20.
16th To Cash p^d In^o Winter p^r Order. . . . 3. 10
D^r to Christ. Marshall p^r Order. . . . 1. 5.
D^r to W^m Parsons p^r Order. . . . 6. 16. 8.
20th D^r to Jos. Watthins p^r Order. . . . 5. 9.
Sept. 17th D^r to W. Maugridge p^r Order. . . . 1. 9.
D^r to A. Roberts 0. 2. 11
Nov. 12th D^r to Fra^s. Richardson for a Bill } - 8. 7. 4
of Exch^a £ 5. 8. - Sterl^d. at 55 p^r Cent.
1741
March 25th To Cash p^d H^e. Potts p^r Order. . . . 3. 0.
D^r to In^o. Harrison p^r Ord^r. . . . 1. 3. 6
£ 51. 3. 5

1740
May 5th By B^y Ballance of Acc^t. settled
by the Directors this Day £ 6. 15. 9 1/2
5th By Cash of 71 Subscri^r. their } 35. 10. -
8th yearly paym^t. at 10/ each } 0. 10. -
My own D^r. . . . 0. 10. -
Nov. 12th By Cash of 9 Directors viz. W^m.
Coleman, B. Franklin, Ph.
Bond S. Rhoads, P. Syng, J.
Pemberton, T. Hopkinson
J. Hetch & H. Roberts, their
10/ each, for the Use of the Com^y. £ 4. 10. -
1741
March 25th By Cash of 6 Directors viz.
W. Coleman, P. Bond, H.
Roberts, B. Franklin, W.
Morgan, T. Hopkinson
their 10/ each - to pay to
Stephen Potts. . . . 3. 0. -
£ 30. 5. 9 1/2
Ballance due to J^r. Morris 17. 7. 1/2
£ 51. 3. 5

The 11th Day of May 1741.

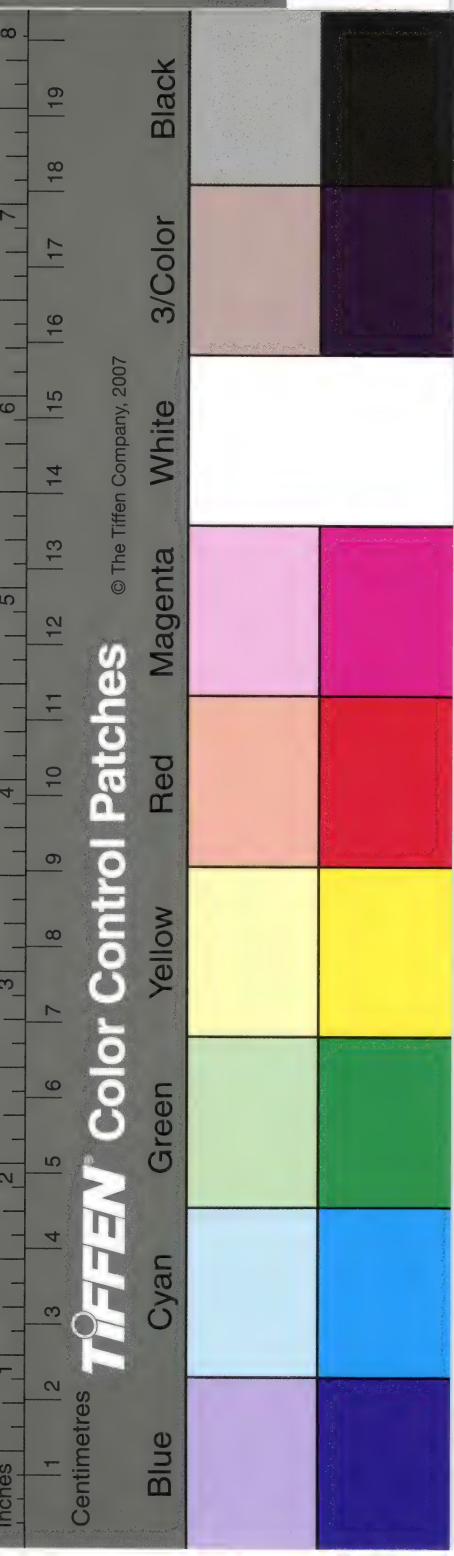
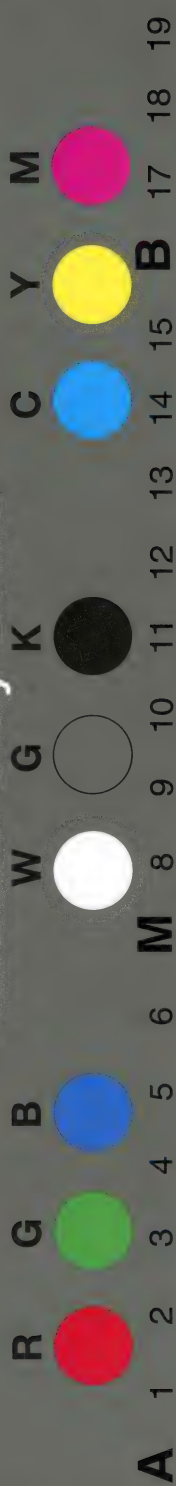
At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's.
Present all the Directors with the Treasurer & Secretary.

The Sec^y. informed that Tench Francis (having for
£ 6. 10. - purchased the Share that was Jos. Polle's) had this Day
subscribed according to Form.

Application was made for Charles Meredith to sub-
scribe, upon receiving an Assignment from James Piller, which
was allowed of.

Ordered that the Treasurer out of the Money he has
in Hand pay Samuel Coombes Widow, & also pay the Librarian's
Salary for last Year £ 6. - And to Joseph Breckinall 16/ which
with 24/ he receives of the Directors for Absences, is for 1/2 a Year's
Salary due to him as Secretary.

And it was resolved that W^m Alexander's Bond shall
shortly be put in Suit; and that Money shall be raised to pay W^m
Allen without Delay. In order thereto T. Hopkinson & S. Rhoads were
nominated to take a List of the Subscribers Names & go among them
to collect a sufficient Sum for that purpose.



The 8th Day of June 1741.

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts, Present
June H. Roberts, B. Franklin, T. Hopkinson S. Rhoads, J. Stetch, Ph.
1741 Bond. & S. Pemberton with the Treas.^r Libra.^r & Secy.^r

The Secy.^r informed that on the 13th of last Month
came to Hand fr. Capt.^r Smyter & Wright, London Mag. for Sept.
Janu.^r & Febr.^r and Appendix, and Hist. of the Works of the Learned
for Sept. Jan.^r & Feb.^r and that on this Day came to Hand fr.
W^m Plumsted London Mag. & Hist. of Works of the Learned for
March. And that W^m Plumsted had brought with him for
the Company a Camera Obscura & a double Microscope
being a Present from John Penn Esq.^r

The Treas.^r informed that he had received from
T. Hopkinson £37.10. — which sum the said Hopkinson and
S. Rhoads since last Meeting had collected from 37 Subscribers.
And that he (the Treasurer) had paid W^m Allen £51.13.6
in full of his Demand against the Library Company pur-
suant to an Order to him so to do, dated the 20th of last Month
and signed by seven of the Directors. —

The Librarian exhibited his Acc.^t charging for
Wood, Tongs & Fire Shovel, Candle-sticks & Candles, & his
Salary for last Year, in all £7.2.10½, and crediting by Fines
and Forfeitures £2.10.2. The Ballance of £4.12.8½ he is
to receive immediately of the Treas.^r the Secy.^r being direc-
ted to write & sign an Order for it. —

Application was made for James Bingham to
be admitted a Subscriber (he being of Age) & it was allowed.

Ordered that the Treas.^r get W^m Alexander's Bond
proved, & the Secy.^r send it inclosed in a Letter to M^r. Delany
to be put in Suit. —

The 13th of July 1741.

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts
Present, Hugh Roberts, Benjamin Franklin, William
Coleman, Thomas Hopkinson, Philip Syng, Evan Morgan
Samuel Rhoads & Joseph Stetch, with the Treas.^r Lib.^r & Secy.^r

The Secy.^r informed that on the 17th of last Month
Ja.^r Bingham subscribed, he having purchased Anthony
Bunzets's Share for £6.10. — & had an Assignment from him.

And that he (the said Secy.) had wrote a Letter to Daniel Delany Esq. at Annapolis & inclosed W^m Alexanders Bond to be put in Suit. (Vide rough Draught of said Letter among the loose Papers). —

July
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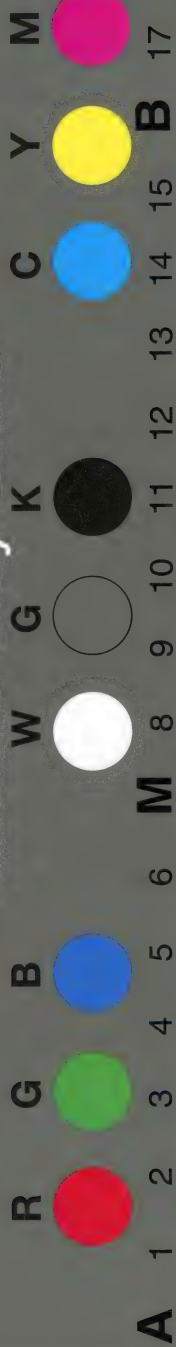
Ordered that W^m Coleman, Benj. Franklin and Tho: Hopkinson be a Committee to write a Letter of Thanks to the Honble John Penn Esq. — And that the Directors meet at this Place Tomorrow Evening by Seven o Clock to consult & conclude upon the Affair of the Company's Incorporation. —

B. Franklin read a Paper containing a Brief Account of the Library, which he said he wrote to fill up a Blank that happens to be at the End of the Catalogue he is printing; of which he desired the Opinion of the other Directors present, & they approved of his Design.

At a Meeting of the Directors July 20th 1741. —

Present. Israel Pemberton Phineas Bond
Joseph Stretch Ewan Morgan
Benj. Franklin Hugh Roberts
Samuel Rhoads & William Coleman

The Directors at their last Meeting, on Tuesday the 14th Inst. having agreed that the rough Draught of a Charter for incorporating the Library Company, drawn up some Time since, should be transcribed & taken by two of the Directors to the Proprietor for his Approbation. But being informed a few Days after, that some of the Company, from a Misapprehension of what was intended, conceived that the Directors in taking this Step had exceedd their Power, and were about to intrude a disadvantageous Charter upon the Company without their Consent; whereas no such thing was ever thought of, or indeed could possibly be done, for by our Articles no Charter can be accepted, nor the least Alteration made in the Constitution without Ten Days Notice being first given by the Secretary, of the Occasion of a Meeting by printed advertisements. In order therefore to consider how to remove this Prejudice, & satisfy those who were made uneasy the Directors met again this Day; & being further told that some of the Company were not desirous of a Charter, but rather chose to depend



on their present Articles of Agreement, it was thought necessary (that the Minds of the whole Company may be fully more perfectly known) to endeavour to get a general Meeting. 1741 It is accordingly agreed that the Secretary send proper Notices to every Member of the Company, to meet at the Library Room on Monday the 3^d Day of August next at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to determine whether in their opinion a Charter will be of Service to them, and what Method of Application shall be made Use of to obtain it.

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Pursuant to the above Minute the following Notice was served on the Members of the Company. — viz^t

"To M^r. A — B —

"Sir.

July 21st 1741. —

"You are hereby certified, that a general Meeting of the Library Company of Philadelphia is to be held on Monday the 3^d of August next, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in the Library Room at the State House, in order to consider the Proposals of applying for a Charter, to incorporate the said Company

"By order of the Directors

"J. Breintnall Secretary

"Pray attend or make a proxy."

Accordingly this Day 45 Members of the Comp^y met in person, & several by Proxy, and after some Debate it was resolved unanimously

"That Application be made to obtain a Charter for the Company."

Then at the Request of several Members, the following Heads of a Draught of a Charter were read. viz^t

1. A Clause to incorporate the Company, by the Name of the Library Company of Philadelphia
2. To sue and be sued.
3. A Power of holding Lands &c Transferring them.
4. To have a common Seal.
5. A Power of making Laws for the good Government of the Company. No Law to be binding unless Notice be given to all the Members, of the intended Law, & the Time of

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Meeting, and unless $\frac{1}{5}$ Part of the whole Comp^y. meet
6. Every Member to pay 10/6^{rs}. Ann. for buying Books.
And Part of the 5th ^{particular} being objected to the Question was put
Whether in the Draught to be made of a Charter
the Company reserve to themselves the Power of making Laws
for their own Government. — Resolved in the Affirmative.
Then the Question was put. —

Whether in the Draught of a Charter to be made
One Fifth of the Company shall be empowered to make Laws
after Notice given to all — Resolved in the Negative.

Then it was voted by a Majority of Members pres.
That One Fourth ~~of~~ be mentioned in the said Draught as
a sufficient Number for the making Laws after Notice
as aforesaid. which the Directors Order to be minuted as
the general Sense & Advice of the Meeting.

August 10th 1741. —

At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors at the
Widow Roberts's present Hugh Roberts, B. Franklin
W. Coleman, T. Hopkinson, P. Syng, Evan Morgan & Alhead
Jos. Stretch & J. Bond. with the Treas. & Secy.

Report was made by the Persons appointed
to wait on the Proprietor with the Draught of a Charter
(viz. W. Coleman & T. Hopkinson) that he was very much
hurried & engaged and could not now have Leisure to
peruse the Draught; & that he desired they would take
it to M. Allen for him to shew it to the Governor, & that
he (the Proprietor) would take an Opportunity of speaking
with the Governor about it.

Application was made for George McCall
to subscribe, agreed thereupon that he being under
Age his Brother in Law Sam. McCall subscribe and
be accountable for him.

An Order was signed to the Treasurer to
pay the Widow of Sam. Cobbe's £6^{rs} 10. — She delivering
up the Treasurer's Certificate or Original Receipt
that he gave him.

Agreed that each Member of the Provincial
Assembly have a Catalogue given him (lately printed)

of the Library Books, and that one be sent to John Penn Esq^r and one to Peter Collinson.

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1741 Agreed that the Consent of the Assembly be requested for the Directors to break thro' the South Wall of the Library Room to make and fix a Window in.

The Secy^t informed that Charles Meredith (in pursuance of an Allowance the 11th of May last) subscribed to the Company's Articles of Agreement, and sealed & delivered in the Presence of him & John Steptun on the 14th of July.

Some of the Directors called on the Committee appointed to write a Letter of Thanks to John Penn Esq^r desiring a Copy of it may be entered in the Minutes. - a Copy was produced [The Letter was signed by all the Directors, and went in Captain Longter] and is as follows. Viz^t -

"Sir,

"Your Present to the Library Company of a curious Microscope and Camera Obscura received! This fresh Instance of your Generosity and Regard gives the Company a sensible Measure, and in their Name and Behalf we return you most hearty Thanks. - We hope those Gentlemen who so generously countenance our Undertaking may never have Occasion to think their Benefactions misplaced, but that they may perceive Learning, Virtue and Politeness advance daily under their Influence; which we are assured, will be more pleasing to them, than the most studied & elaborate Compliments.

"We are, Sir

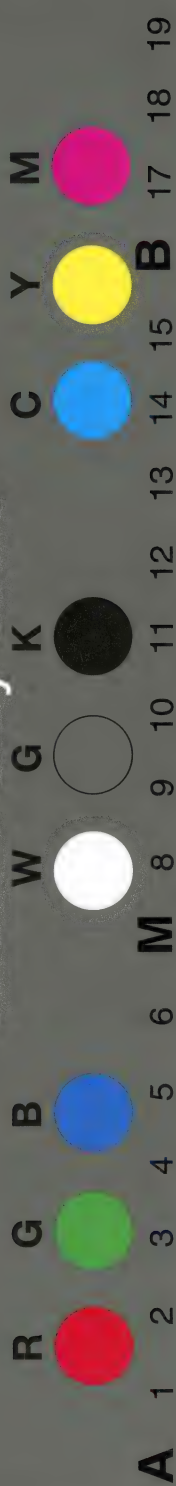
"Philad^a Aug. 3^o 1741.

"Your most obliged hble Servts. &c

The 14th Sept^r 1741.

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's Present only four Directors Viz^t. Philip Syng, Joseph Stetch, Samuel Rhoads & Israel Pemberton.

They being informed that W^m Alexander had sent up Bills of Exch^g. to H^{on} M^r Nelson to discharge his (the said Alexander's) Bond; it was their Opinion that a Letter should be wrote to M^r Delany to send up the Bond with an Acc^t of the Costs of Suit. - The Letter to be ready to be sent by M^r Nelson who is going for Maryland in a few Days. - M^{rs} Sam^l McCall shewing the Secy^t a Receipt from the Treas^r for £6⁰ 10⁰ subscribed.



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At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's.
Present B. Franklin, J. Stretch, E. Morgan, Ph. Syng, Tho.
Hopkinson, Phin: Bond, W^m Coleman & L. Rhoads with the Secy.

The Secy. informed that on the 16th of last Month
he had wrote to W^m Delany to send up W^m Alexander's Bond
with an Account of the Costs of Suit. And that he had received
on the first Inst. from P. Collinson the History of the Works
of the Learned for April & May & the London Mag. for 1st Months
also a Plan of Carthagena

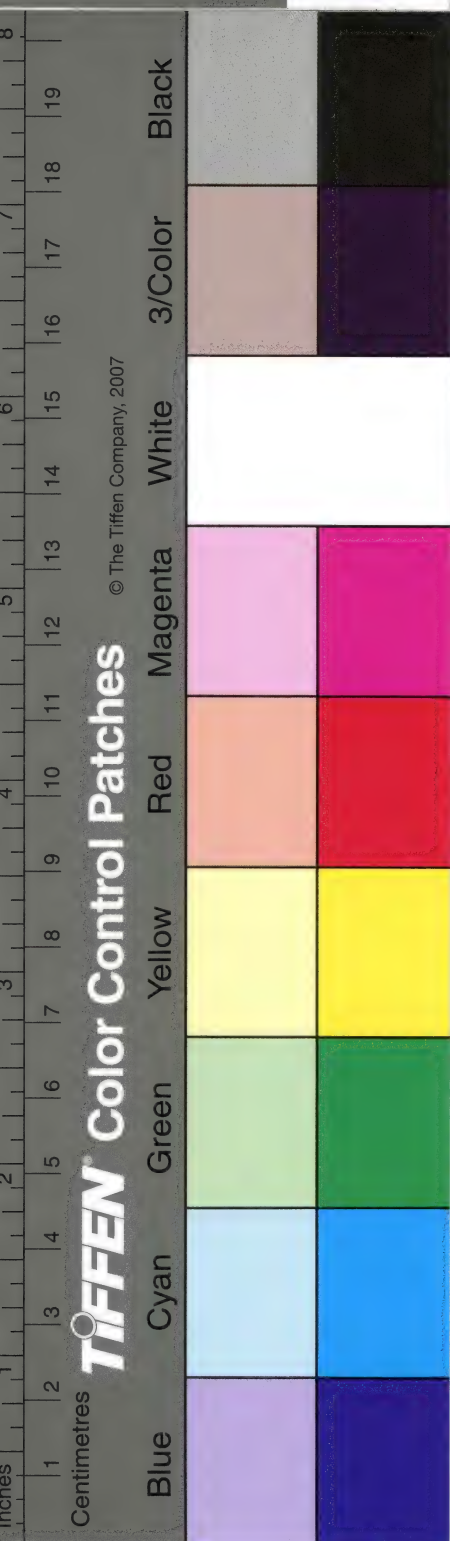
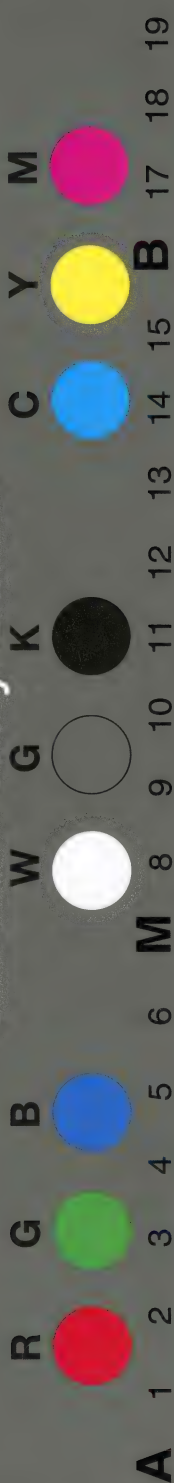
The Directors present, discoursing together
concerning the Charter lately granted to the Library Comy.
by our Proprietaries, and signed by George Thomas Lieut Gov.
with the great Seal of the Province affixed, came to an
Opinion that the Directors present should by turns, shew it
to their Friends who are Members of the Company, and get
them to subscribe their Names, if they are willing, to a
Preamble to shew their Acceptance of it; which Preamble
was written on a Sheet of Paper intended to be connected to
the said Charter, and was subscribed by all the Members
present, and is in these Words Viz: "We the Subscribers
"Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia, having
"perused the Charter granted to the said Company by the
"Honourable the Proprietaries of Pennsylvania, do thank fully
"accept the same". —

The 9th of Novemb^r. 1741.

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's.
Present all the Directors & Officers, Except Phineas Bond,
who departed for England the 27th of last Month. —

Agreed, that the Directors meet in a short
Time, & with the Assistance of other Members, make out a
Catalogue of Books to be sent for to P. Collinson this Fall
in order that we may have them next Spring. —

The Secy. informed that Amos Strettell (Son of
Robert Strettell Merch^t declaring himself of Age, & shewing
the Treasurers Rec^t for £6.10. had subscribed, in Purruance
of a Permission from the Directors so to do. —



That he the said Secret^y on the 23^d of last Month gave James Morris Treasurer a Rec^t for a Set of Bills of Exchange Novem^r 1741 w^m Alexander on John Buchanan Merch^t in London for £41.- Sterling — That he had wrote to P. Collinson the 24th & 25th Days of last Month and acquainted him with his receiving by several Conveyances the Monthly Pamphlets to May inclusive, with a Plan of Carthagea for which the Directors are thankful; & that he (the s^d Secretary) had now sent him (the said P. Collinson) a Catalogue of the Library Books, and one for John Penn Esq^r and a third for whom he pleased. And that there was inclosed with the Catalogues w^m Alexander's Bill of Exch^g for £41.- Ster^d drawn on James Buchanan Merch^t in London, with said Alexander's Letter to Buchanan; & that he was desir'd to receive the Money, when payable for the Use of the Library Company. And that he the s^d Secret^y would acquaint the Directors with s^d Collinson's Opinion of their taking both Magazines; and that he, the s^d Secret^y, had Advice by two of said Collinson's Letters that Francis Richardson had paid the Bill of £5.8.- And that he, the s^d Secret^y, had sent his of the 24th & 25th of last Month by Doct^r Phin. Bond. —

At this Meeting M^r Delaney's Acct (as it was copied from an Indorsement on Alexander's Bond) of the Charges accrued in the Suit amounting in Pennsylvania Money to £9.15.10. being shewn to the Directors, Eight of them subscribed an Order on the Company's Treasurer, to pay that Sum to B. Franklin. He having undertaken to pay it to Delaney.

The 14th of December 1741.

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Robert's.
Present P. Syng, J. Stretch, S. Alwoods, T. Hopkinson, J. Pemberton, W. Coleman & B. Franklin.

The Secret^y informed that a few Days after the last Meeting he had received from P. Collinson, London & Gentleman's Magazine & Hist^y of Works of the Learned for the Month of June. — That on the 14th of last Month the Librarian acquainted him that Ewan Morgan & Jacob Duché had presented the Company with Primitive Christianity received, by W^m Whiston M. A. in 5 Vol^s 8^{vo} well bound. —

That he the said Secrety. had wrote to P. Collinson a Letter to go by Capt. Bowne, & inclosed in it the Second Bill Decem^r. of the Sett^m W^m Alexander on James Buchanan for £ 41. that ¹⁷⁴¹ Indorsed by John Nelson and payable to P. Collinson, and let him know the Directors were forming a new Catalogue of Books in order to have them next Spring, but had not now Time to compleat it. — And that several Glasp Vessels belonging the Air Pump were broken which he was requested to get supplied (the Particulars being mentioned) and that two Brass Screws would be sent him by Capt. Bowne appertaining to them which would explain to him some of the Parts or Tubes that were wanting.

That he had also on the 30th of last Month wrote to P. Collinson copying his three last Letters & inclosing the Catalogue of Books to come next Spring, advising him to insure as usual. — This to go by Amos Stretell via Bristol.

Memorandum Divers of the Directors have several since the last Monthly Meeting met at the Library Room to make out this Catalogue — Vide rough Draught amongst the loose Papers. —

At this Meeting the following Six Persons, and Applications for them were allowed of Vizt. Benjamin Shoemaker, Thomas Bond, William Peters, Joseph Shippen, Joseph Hatton and Andrew Hamilton, to subscribe to our Constitutions & become Members of the Library Company. —

William Allen Esq. presented the Company with the History of Jamaica. —

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The 11th of January 1742. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the House of the Widow Roberts Present B. Franklin, H. Roberts, E. Morgan, P. Syng, T. Hopkinson, W. Coleman & J. Rhoads, with G. Secrety.

The Secretary informed that B. Shoemaker having paid the Treasurer £ 6. 10. for a Share in the Library, subscribed on the 19th Day of last Month, in the Presence of Samuel Burge & him the said Secrety. —

That on the 2^d of this Month he had written to P. Collinson to go in Capt. Mott bound for Dublin, & inclosed to him a second Copy of the Catalogue of Books to come next Spring

acknowledging the Receipt (just now) of the London & Gentlem.
Magazine & Hist: of the Works of the Learned for August: & telling
Janu^y him that he did not know that he had yet received the Pam-
phlets for July. — That on the 9th of this Month Joseph Hatton
subscribed in the Presence of James Read & John Howell. —

At this Meeting James Read upon Application
to subscribe on purchasing a Share was allowed of. —

The 8th of February 1742. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, pres.
B. Franklin, T. Hopkinson, J. Stretch, J. Rhoads, J. Pemberton,
W. Morgan & P. Syng, with the Librarian

It was agreed that Israel Pemberton & Phil: Syng
shall speak with such of the Company as are not satisfied
with the present Form of the Charter and shew them the Amend-
ment proposed, to know if those Amendments are agreeable to
them; and if they are, that then some of the Company shall
wait upon his Honour, ^{the} Governour for his Approbation thereof.

Memorandum On the 18th of last Month
Andrew Hamilton, who bought W. Paxton's Share, subscri-
bed; And on the 22^d Thomas Bond, who purchased Charles Brock-
den's Share, also subscribed. —

The 8th of March 1742. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's.
Present, W. Coleman, J. Pemberton, T. Hopkinson, J. Rhoads
& Jos. Stretch with the Treasurer & Librarian

J. Pemberton reported that the dissatisfied Mem-
bers were now pleased with the Amendment proposed to be
made in the Charter; But there not being a Quorum now to
do Business it was only agreed that the Directors should
meet here next Monday Evening, & that the Secretary accor-
dingly give Notice to those who are now absent. —

The 15th March 1742. —

At a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Roberts
pursuant to Agreement at last Monthly Meeting, Present
B. Franklin, W. Morgan, Jos. Stretch, H. Roberts, J. Rhoads &
W. Coleman, J. Pemberton & T. Hopkinson

Samuel Rhoads brought with him a Copy of the March Charter faintly engrossed by Joseph Brintnall Secretary 1742 the alteration in the last Clause formerly agreed on being made, and it was now agreed this should be presented to the Governor to be signed. —

Several Laws being drawn up, agreeable to the Articles, for the good Government and Regulation of the Company were read and considered. And the Directors agreed to meet again at the Library Room on Saturday next, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon to consider further of them. —

The 12th of April 1742. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's Present B. Franklin, W. Coleman, T. Hopkinson, J. Stetson, S. Rhoads, E. Morgan & Ph. Syng, with the Treas.^r & Secret.^y

The Laws which were lately drawn up, & considered at several late Meetings (for the Government and Regulation of the Company in Pursuance of their Charter) were brought and now again read over, and the Secretary ordered to transcribe them fair against the exp. —proaching Election. —

Mem^o The Secret.^y gave Notice in the Gazette of the 8th Inst^t that the Library Company are desired to meet on Monday the third Day of May next at Nine o'clock in the Morning at the Library to receive & accept the Charter granted them by the Hon^{ble} the Proprietaries. — And that at the same Time it would be proposed to pass the following Laws [vide the Notice] and for making the Tenth Annual Payment. —

On the 13th of last Month William Peters (shewing the Secretary an Assignment from Ann Eastburn Adm^{rs} of Benj^s Eastburn lately decd for the Consideration of £6. 10. 6.) subscribed. —

May 3. 1742. —

At a General Meeting of the Library Company pursuant to Notice given in the Gazette of the 8th past The Charter lately granted to the Company by the Proprietaries was unanimously accepted, and the Acceptance

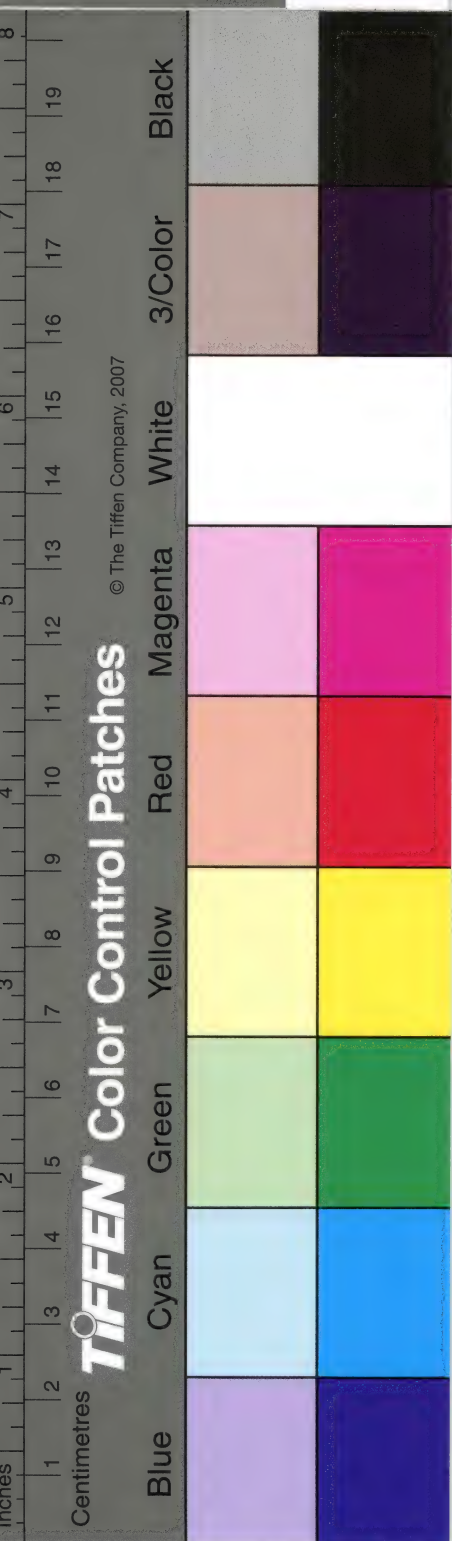
testified by signing a Paper in the Words following Viz.

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"We the Subscribers Members of the Library Company of Phi-
"ladelphia, being met in Pursuance of Notice for that Purpose
"given, do thankfully receive and accept of the Charter granted
"to the said Company by the Hon^{ble} the Propriet^r of Pennsylvania.
"Witness our Hands. —

John Langdale	John Roberts	Isaiah Warner
Philip Syng	George Emlyn jr.	John Jones Jr.
Tho ^s Hopkinson	Richard Peters	William Peters
Alex ^r Graydon	Andrew Hamilton	by his Proxy Richard Peters.
Rob ^t Greenway	Samuel Morris	Samuel Coates
Benj ^a Shoemaker	Hugh Roberts	W ^m Coleman
Joseph Brintnall	Samuel Hale	Nicholas Scull. by
William Parsons	W ^m Parsons by his Proxy	his Proxy W ^m Parsons
W ^m Maugridge by his Proxy W ^m Parsons.	James Morris	Isaac Williams by
Henry Pratt	Joseph Stretch	his Proxy Henry Pratt.
Jacob Duche	Evan Morgan	Thomas Shaw by
W ^m Callender	Charles Meredith	his Proxy Jacob Duche
Benj ^a Paschall	by his Proxy Henry Pratt.	Joseph King
William Allen	John Paschall	W ^m Plumsted
James Hamilton	Fra ^s Richardson	Is. Pemberton Jun ^r
Richard Stanley	Samuel Morris	Ben: Franklin
Anthony Nicholas	Tenck Francis	John Read
James Bingham	Samuel Rhoads	Thomas Godfrey
Thomas Bond by his Proxy Hugh Roberts	W ^m Crothwaite	Samuel McCall
	Rice Lloyd by his Proxy Hugh Roberts	John Sober

Then the following Laws were agreed to
and enacted. Viz.

1. A Law directing the Manner of admitting new Members. —
2. A Law for preserving a just Equality among the Members, & to prevent the Inconveniences that may arise by any Person's holding more than one Share. —



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3. A Law for regulating Elections of Officers and declaring their Trust & Duty. —
4. A Law for ascertaining the Fines for neglecting the yearly Payments. —
5. A Law for recording the Laws of the Comp^y and the Names of such Persons as shall hereafter be admitted Members thereof. —
6. A Law for preventing any Advantage by Survivorship among the Members of the Library Company. —

The yearly Payments being then made to the Treasurer the company proceeded in Pursuance of the Charter to vote for a Treasurer and Directors for the ensuing Year, and the following Persons were chose by a Majority of Votes - Vizt

Directors

Benjamin Franklin, Evan Morgan.
 Hugh Roberts, Philip Syng
 Joseph Stretch, Tho^s Hopkinson,
 Samuel Rhoads, John Jones Jun^r.
 Samuel Morris, Jacob Duche^r.
 William Coleman Treas^r.

Then the old and new Directors adjourned to the usual Place of Meeting to settle the Acc^t of the Year past.

Resolved, That the Directors will meet next Monday Night at the Library, in order to affix the Seal to the Laws, & compleat the Settlement of the Acc^t.

The Sec^{ry} informed that he had this Day deposited in the Library the Company's original Constitutions or Deed of Copartnership & also the Company's Seal. And that he had on this Day received a Letter from Peter Collinson dated Feby. 3^d in which he says that he thinks to divide the Magazines, & send half by Cap^t Hargrave & the rest by Cap^t Wright. That he had received W^m Alexandr's Bill of Exch^g for £41. Sterl: which was paid & carried to account. And that he had received the Order for Books, which he was getting ready to come by Cap^t Wright.

The 10th of May 1742. —

At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors at the Library Room, Present B. Franklin, P. Syng, F. Hopkinson J. Stretch, J. Jones jr. S. Rhoads J. Morris & Jacob Duché; with J. Treas. Librar. and Secretary.

The accounts for the year past of the Librar. and Secy. & late Treasurer were allowed, and Orders given to the new Treasurer for Payment of the Ballances due to the two former. — To the Librarian £22.4.11. & to the Secy. £4.16.0. — The Ballance in the Hands of the late Treasurer (James Morris) by his Acc^t being £22.4.1½. Copies are taken & preserved of the three Acc^{ts} And also of the said late Treasurer's Account, wherein he gives Credit for the said Ballance, and the Annual Payments made him at the Election the third of May Inst^t. and charging for the Repayments of sums advanced by several Members, he makes due to the Comp^y. £34.14.1½. —

William Coleman new Treasurer gave Bond in £100. — for Performance of his Office the ensuing year, Thomas Hopkinson being bound with him, to the Library Comp^y of Philadelphia. —

James Morris paid & delivered up to the present Treasurer the Sum of £34.14.1½ being all the Money in his Hands belonging to the Company. —

The Seal of the Company was affixed to their six Laws. — and the said Seal then deposited in a Box in the Library Room, the Key of which Box was delivered to the Treas^r.

Ordered, that Benjⁿ Franklin, Tho^s Hopkinson and W^m Coleman be a Committee to draw up an Address of Thanks to the Proprietaries for the Charter, in Pursuance of the unanimous Resolve of the Company the 3^d Instant.

Agreed that Elizabeth North Neice & Devisce of James Morrewether deceased, be allowed to take out Books, conformable to the Rules of the Company. —

The Secy. informed that he had received (this Inst^t) London Mag^z. for July, Sept^r. October, Nov^r. Dec^r. & Jan^y. & Appendix. — And Hist^y of Works of the Learned for 2 Months. Which he had taken to the Library. —

The Directors then went to the Widow Roberts's to sup^r, where they remembered their Benefactors. —

The 14th of June 1742.

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At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's.
Present: B. Franklin, W. Morgan, H. Roberts, T. Hopkinson
J. Stretch, S. Rhoads, J. Jones & S. Morris with J. Treas. & Secy.

It was proposed & agreed to that W. Allen, J. A. Hamilton & Thos Hopkinson, return the Governor the Thanks of the Company for the Charter lately granted them by the Proprietaries, and by him signed, and to offer him the Use of the Library Books. — And ordered, that the Librarian permit the Governor to make Use of any of them as he shall have Occasion.

Thomas Hopkinson was appointed to return Thanks to Doct. Baird the Governor's Secy. for Writing the Warrant, & to Thos Griffiths Esq. for affixing the great Seal of the Province to our Charter.

A Draught of the Address of Thanks to the Proprietaries (drawn up by the Committee appointed at last Meeting) for the Charter was read & approved of, and ordered to be engrobed by the Secy. to be sent Home to them by the first Opportunity. A Copy of it follows. Viz.

" To the Honble John Penn, Thomas Penn,
" and Richard Penn Esqrs. true & absolute Proprietaries
" of the Province of Pennsylvania &c —
" The humble Address of the Directors of the Library
" Company of Philadelphia, in Behalf of themselves
" and others the Members of the said Company
" May it please the Proprietaries

" We the Directors of the Library Comp.
" of Philadelphia, by the Appointment and Direction of a
" general Meeting of the said Company, return your Honors
" most sincere Thanks for the Charter of Privileges to them
" granted. It is with the greatest Satisfaction we receive this
" extraordinary Mark of your Favour & Regard; and what
" heightens the Obligation is that it was purely the Effect
" of your own Goodness & Generosity, without being solicited.
" But we have the Pleasure to observe this is not the first Instance
" of your kind Concern for the Advancement of the Library,
" even beyond what the Company could have hoped for

"Und tho' we may be wanting in Expression, and suitable
 "Acknowledgements, yet we assure your Honours we have the most
 June 1742 "grateful Sense of the Benefits received, and of the favourable
 "Regard of our Proprietaries towards us. —

"The Powers and Privileges now granted us, will
 "without Doubt very much conduce to the Increase and Repu-
 "tation of the Library; and as valuable Books come to be in
 "more general Use and Esteem, we hope they will have very
 "good Effects on the Minds of the People of this Province, and
 "furnish them with the most useful kind of Knowledge, that
 "which renders Men benevolent and helpful to one another.
 "Our unhappy Divisions and Animosities of late, have too
 "much interrupted that charitable & friendly Intercourse
 "which formerly subsisted among all Societies in this Place,
 "but as all Parties come to understand their true Interest, we
 "hope the Animosities will cease, and that Men of all Deno-
 "minations will mutually assist in carrying on the public
 "Affairs in such Manner as will most tend to the Peace and
 "Welfare of the Province". —

B. Franklin	H. Roberts
T. Hopkinson	Jos. Stretch
Jacob Duché	Phil. Syng
Sam. ^e Rhoads	Isa. ^e Jones, jr.
Evan Morgan	Sam. ^e Morris. —

The 12th of July 1742. —

At a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Roberts's
 Present, B. Franklin, H. Roberts, P. Syng, T. Hopkinson, J. Stretch
 S. Rhoads, I. Jones, S. Morris & Jacob Duché, with the Treasurer
 Librarian and Secretary. —

The Secy. informed that he had received a Letter
 in the Ship Constantine from P. Collinson with the Com-
 -pany's Account, and from W. Manby a Letter & Catalogue of
 the Books now come in this Ship. which Papers he laid before
 the Directors, further acquainting them that he had wrote
 a Letter to P. Collinson the 8th Instant, acknowledging the
 Receipt of his &c

Ordered, that the Treasurer buy a Bill of Exchange
 to discharge the Ballance of £14. 16. 3 Sterl. due from the

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Company to P. Collinson. - And that he have the Loan (according to his Request in his said Letter) of the two Manuscripts given by Lewis Timothy, which the Secrety. is to send him by the first Opportunity. —

Ordered that the Secrety. get a Book of Benjⁿ Franklin & copy in it the Company's Charter & Laws.

Ordered that the Secrety. write a Paper for the Directors to sign for their Attendance on all their Meetings under the usual Forfeiture but without mentioning the Hour to meet at. —

Ordered that the Librarian write & sign a Bond for the due Performance of his Office. —

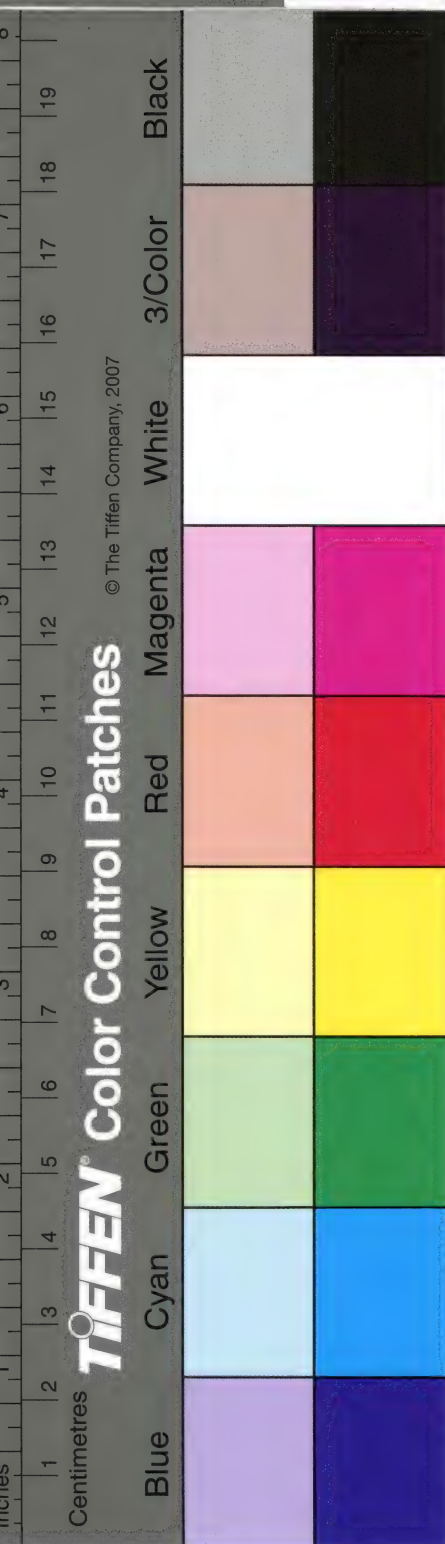
The 9th of August

At this Meeting several of the Directors failing to attend, as nothing very material required it, no Minute of any Transaction was ordered to be made. —

The 13th of September

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's. Present, B. Franklin, J. Jones, H. Roberts, J. Rhoads, J. Morris Jacob Duche & Jos. Hetch with the Treas^r. Librar^y & Secy. —

The Secy. informed, That in Pursuance of a Direction at last Meeting he had wrote an Order on the Treasurer to purchase a Bill of Exchange for £14. 16. 3. Sterg. to discharge the Ballance due to P. Collinson from the Library Company, & had got it signed by Eight Directors. That the Trunk of books, Glass Tubes & P. Ship Constantine were come in good order & were taken to the Library and found agreeable to P. Collinson's Letter, and the Bill of Parcels & Letter from W. Manby — That on the 25th of July he had wrote to P. Collinson & advised him of the Rec^t. of the Books, & inclosed to him a Bill of Exch^t. of £14. 16. 3. Sterg. being the first of a sett of four, drawn by W. Allen on John & Thomas Simpson & Comp^y. Merchants in London, payable to P. Collinson. And that he had therewith (in the Ship Reinger Capt. Lowthorp) sent to W. Collinson the two curious Manuscripts, under the Care of Patty Hoskins. —



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That on the 31st of July B. Franklin received from 125
T. Lawrence a Parcel that came in the Constantine, which
he sent to him, the said Sec. 7. & he took it to the Library. It con-
tained Pope's new Dunces, a Century of Inventions, the
Gentleman's Mag. & Hist. of Works of the Learned for March.

That he had wrote a Letter to P. Collinson August the
4th & another Aug. 15th the first to convey a second Bill of Exch.
& the other a Copy of what he had wrote July 8th —

That he had on the 4th Inst. received a Packet from
the Hands of James Read that came in Capt. Harrison, which
he had taken to the Library being London & Gentlem: Mag.
for April & May & Hist. of Works of the Learned for May only,
and a Book entitled The Conduct of the Duke of Marl-
borough, which (as Mr. Collinson writes) having been the
Subject of much Speculation & Entertainment, he thought
might not be unacceptable — Price 4s. —

B. Franklin acquainted his Brethren that the
new Law Book which the Assembly employed him in prin-
ting, was nearly finished, & that their Honours had ordered
him to deposite one of them in the Library. —

The Librarian now executed an Article of Agreem.
to the Directors (Date 10th of May last) & the Directors present
executed to him a Counterpart, but both were put into the
Secretary's Hands. The Librarian did not bring his Bond
for Performance, as not knowing whether the Directors would
approve of the Person he had to propose for his Surety. —

At last Meeting & this all the Directors subscri-
bed to a Paper for their Attendance on Meetings, which bears
Date 10th of May last, but as the usual Form (mentioning the
Hour of Meeting) was found inconvenient, the Tenor of this
was directed the 12th of July last. —

The Directors had some Conversation about
several of the Glass Implements belonging to the Air pump
which were lately broken, but no Person present knew by
whom, & thereupon the Librarian desired some other Person
might be appointed to keep the Key of the Press & undertake
the Care of the things in it. — They also conversed concerning a
Committee to look over all the Books & inspect their Condition
But three Members being absent, who might be useful in this
Affair, no Resolve was made. —

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The 11th of October

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's.
Present, B. Franklin, H. Roberts, S. Rhoads, Jos. Stretch
Th. Hopkinson, J. Morris & T. Jones, with the Sec^y.

The Sec^y informed that he had lately received a
Packet from P. Collinson via Burlington, containing
London & Gent. Mag. & Hist. of Works Learned for June, which
he took to the Library.

Ordered, That John Jones & Jacob Duche be a Com-
mittee with the Librarian to look over the Books in the
Library & inspect their Condition, between this & the
next Meeting, & get such of them, as need it, put in Repair,
and a suitable Number of loose Sheep-skin Covers made
to be used with Books when they are lent out.

And ordered, That B. Franklin, T. Hopkinson and
S. Rhoads, have the Care & Management of the Air pump
& what belongs to it, & the keeping the Key of the Press.

The 8th of November

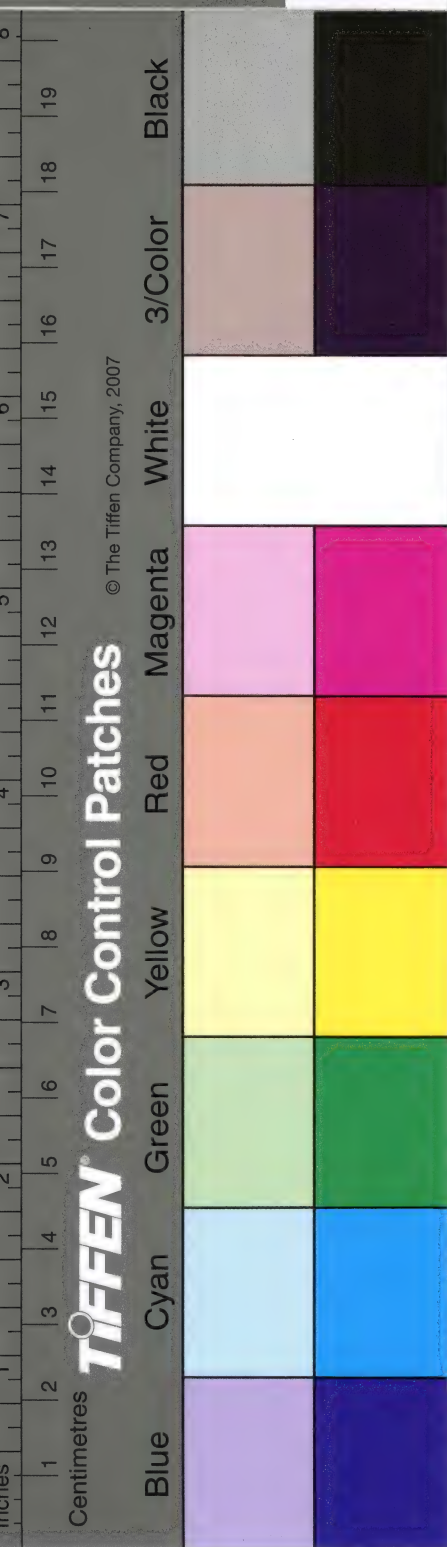
At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's.
Present, B. Franklin, S. Rhoads, E. Morgan & Jos. Stretch
with the Treas^r, Librar^y & Sec^y.

The Sec^y informed that he had received, since last
Meeting, from M^r. Franklin a Record Book for the Library
Company, & that he, the said Sec^y, had therein transcribed
their Charter, & the Six Laws passed the 3^d of May last.

That he had taken to the Library the Hist. of works of
the Learned for April which he lately had of M^r. Franklin
& he from J. Bartram to whom it came directed by mistake
as it seems, the Library not receiving with the other Pam-
phlets this for April.

That, since last Meeting, W^m. Parsons with his
Surety Rob^t. Greenway, had executed a Bond to the
Directors in the Penalty or Sum of £600. to perform
covenants &c. Dated the 10th of May last.

The Records of the above mentioned Laws & Charter
were now compared with the Originals & found to be truly
copied, & the Sec^y. delivered to the Librar^y. the 1st. Charter &
Record Book to be kept in the Library.



The 13th of Decem^r 1742.

Dec^r 1742 Present, John Jones, Jacob Duckli, Benj^a Franklin, Hugh Roberts, Jos. Stretch, Phil. Syng, J. Hopkinson & Samuel Morris with the Treasurer, Librarian & Secretary.

The Secy. informed that he had wrote to P. Collinson on the 19th of last month & acknowledged the Receipt of Pamphlets for April, May & June, & Conduct of the Dukes of Marlborough.

It was agreed that B. Franklin should print a Catalogue of the Books which came last from England.

The Librarian brought a Book in Quarto, entitled Regia Scientiarum Academiae Historica & Autore Joanne Baptista Du Hamel. a Gift from John Leech.

And the Secy. was desired to call on D^r. Baird for Parkinson's Paradisus Terrestris, which the D^r. would give to g^d Libr^y.

B. Franklin informed that John Bartram had presented some Stones, in which were Shells, & Impressions of shell fish.

The Librarian brought the Charter, with a Certificate of its being recorded indorsed; and the Seal affixed of the Office for recording of Deeds for the City & County of Philad^a. And thereupon B. Franklin acquainted the Directors that being lately at Skenton M^r. Logan expressed a Desire of seeing the Company's Charter & their Laws; & the Directors consented the Book should be sent him, belonging to the Library, in which the said Charter & Laws are recorded.

Joseph Stretch applied in Behalf of Tho^s. Burgeff for him to be admitted a Member which was allowed of.

Ordered, That the Secy. write fairly on a large Sheet of Paper, to be placed in the Library in open View, the Names of the Benefactors to the Library; those who had bestowed great Gifts & those who had presented Books.

Tho^s. Hopkinson informed that he with M^r. Franklin & M^r. Rhoads, had inspected the Air pump & its Apparatus, & taken an acc^t. of the Glasses &c which he had ready to shew.

W^m. Peters sent to the Directors two new Vol^s. in Folio Hales's Pleas of the Crown, Price 30s Sterlg. for them to purchase for the Library if they thought fit. They discoursed concerning the usefulness of these Books to the Company, & what Sum should be offered for them, but came to no Result.

The 10th of January 1743. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's.
 Present, John Jones, Joseph Stetch Benj.^a Franklin, Phil: Syng
 Tho: Hopkinson, Wan Morgan Sam: Rhoads & S. Morris, & Secy.

The Secy. informed that he had wrote the Names
 of the Benefactors, on a large Sheet & sent it to the Library, and
 that he had twice called at D^r. Baird's for Paradisus Terrestris
 but not got the Book, the D^r not being at Home. —

The Directors renewing the Debate about Hales
 Meas of the Crown agreed to buy them, & to give the Price demanded
 which Mr. Hopkinson informed was only what they cost in London.

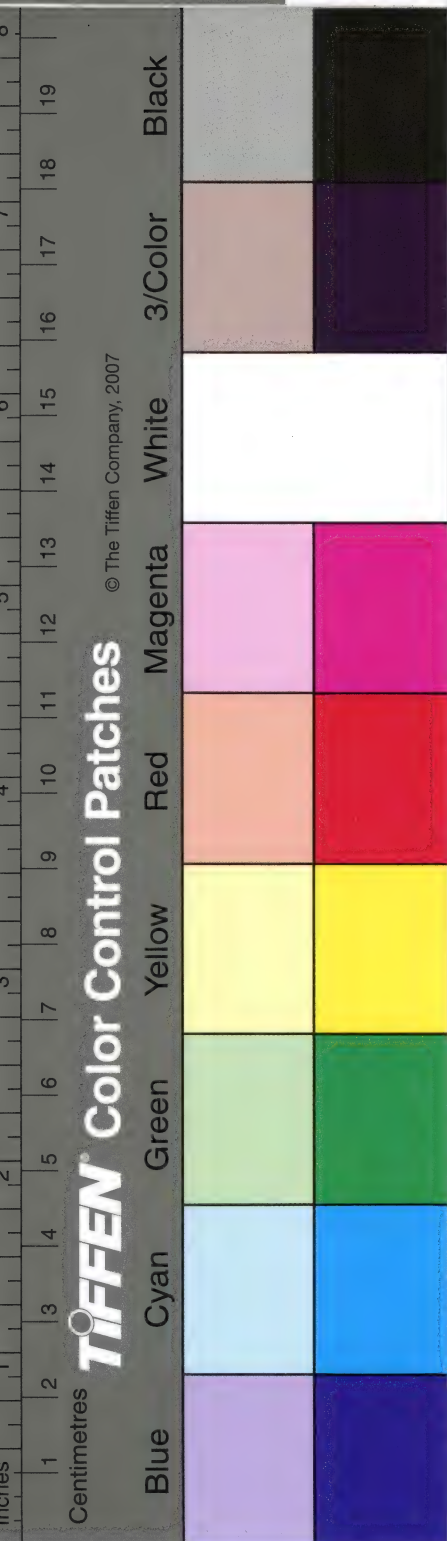
A Committee were nominated viz. Tench Francis
 Ben: Franklin & Tho: Hopkinson to look into the Library
 Laws, & consider of the Manner of admitting Joseph Sheppen a
 Member of the Company he having purchased Tho: Clay's share,
 & of admitting Tho: Burgess who was allowed of at last Meeting.
 & M. Eversley whose Application was made this Evening, & allowed of.

The 14th of February 1743. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, Present,
 All the Directors & Officers of the Library. —

The Secy. informed that since last Meeting he had rece?
 several Letters from P. Collinson, with the London & Gentlem:
 Magaz. & Hist: of Works Learned for July August & Sept^r. And that
 M^r. Collinson acknowledged the Receipt of the Company's Address
 to the Proprietaries & of the two curious Manuscripts, & of the
 Bill of Exch^g for £15. 16. 3. — Of the Address he speaks handsomely,
 & says he will present it the very first Opportunity. The Manu-
 scripts he will take great Care of & hopes to give some Account
 of them. And that he shall carry the Bill to account. —

The Secy. also informed that he had brought from
 D^r. Baird's Parkinson's Theatre of Plants (called thro' Mistake
 in the former Minutes Paradisus Terrestis) that the Index &
 some other Leaves were loose, & as it was a large Folio of 1755
 Pages it must suffer much by being lent out before it was
 new bound; Upon which the Directors (setting a just Value
 upon the Present & the Usefulness of the Book) agreed, & ordered
 that it should be bound & put in Repair before it should
 be taken to the Library.



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William Peters's account of the Price of the Pleas of the Crown was produced, which amounted (with the Charges & Febru^r Exchange at 62½ p^{er} £) to £4^{..}12^{..}7, and his Order on the Library 1743 Comp^y. to pay the Money to Sam^l. Rhoads; which Order was indorsed with an Order accordingly to W^m Coleman Treasurer to pay that Sum, & signed by Seven Directors.

A Form to be recorded of the Manner of admitting Members that come in by Assignments was drawn & agreed to, and also the Form of a Receipt for the Treas^r to give those who were allowed of & paid to him the Consideration Monies for a Share in the Company's Books & Effects.

At this Meeting it was mentioned that Joseph Morris was desirous of subscribing, & he was allowed of—

The 14th of March 1743.—

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Robert's.
Present: B. Franklin, Ph. Syng, Hugh Roberts Samuel Morris Thomas Hopkinson & Evan Morgan.

Joseph Richardson was proposed for a Member, & approved.

The Secret^y. sent an Information to the Directors that he had recorded Joseph Shippen's Admittance, Tho^l. Burgett's Receipt from the Treas^r. also W^m Everleys & Jo^l. Morris, & certified them the 2^d. Instant.

The 11th of April 1743.—

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Robert's.
Present Eight Directors, to wit, B. Franklin, Ph. Syng, H. Roberts Sam^l. Morris Tho^l. Hopkinson, J. Jones, S. Rhoads & Jo^l. Sketch with the Librarian & Secretary.

The Secret^y. informed that he had recorded Joseph Richardson's Receipt from the Treas^r. for £7.—paid for a Share in the Library.— And that he the said Secretary had taken to the Library last Saturday Perkinson's Herbal new bound by Stephen Potts, also Vol^s. 4 & 5 of Bayle by Stephen newly bound, and Bayle Vol. 1st. (sent by Stephen with the others) that was formerly bound. Stephen's Acct. was exhibited amounting to 36/ for three new bound Volumes at 12/ each for Payment whereof the Directors subscribed and Order on the Treasurer.

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George Mifflin and Stephen Vidal having applied to be Members were proposed and approved of. —

Ordered, That the Secretary give Notice to the Directors Librarian and Treasurer to meet on Thursday, next preceeding the ensuing Election or general Meeting that is to be on the 2^d of May, to settle the Accounts of the current Year. —

And ordered that the Secy. make out a Copy of the Library Laws to be brought, with the Minutes, to The Meetings of the Directors. —

The 28th of April

At an appointed Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, Present, All the Directors (except Philip Syng) and Officers.

Ch^r Franklin exhibited his Account (beginning in August 1741) for printing Advertisements, Blank Notices and Notes, and Catalogues, and for Paper, Parchment &c, amounting to £12^{..}12^{..}6 - For Payment of which an Order was drawn on William Coleman Treasurer, and signed by most of the Directors, all approving of it.

The Secretary exhibited his Account of his salary and Services for the current Year, amounting to £6^{..}12^{..}0 For which an Order was drawn on the Treasurer, and signed by the Directors. —

The Librarian, having been out of Town, had not his Account to produce.

The Secretary informed that he had, in pursuance of the Company's Charter, given notice of the general Meeting of the Company, or Time of Election, to be on the second of May next at the Library, and for the Members to make their Eleventh Annual Payment — and had brought with him a Copy of the Laws. and that he had this Day received of Samuel Gristeg (from J. Collinson) the two curious Manuscripts which were formerly given to the Company by W^m. Timothee, and sent to W^m. Collinson in July last, he having requested a sight of them. — and had received of William Logan a Packett (from J. Collinson) containing London Mag^z. for Octob^r. Nov^r. Dec^r. & Jan^y. and Appendix for 1742, and Hist^y. of Works Learned for same Months — with the Microscope made easy, being a new Book in 8^{vo} which our Correspondent says he has added as it has been well received at

Home, and very proper for the Jurisal of the Society.

Samuel Morris was appointed to get from the late April Treasurer the Company's Book in which the Treasurer's accounts 1743. are (or were intended to be) entered.

Peter Collinson's Letter of Feb. 9. 24th that came in Captⁿ Hargrave (with the Mag. &c) to the Secy. was read; In which the writer says the Bill for £4. 16. 3. is paid, and that he expects in a Day or two our Proprietors Answer to our loyal and grateful Address, in Form, which he shall not fail to communicate — and that he returns the Company Thanks for the Loan of the Manuscripts, which he says are curious of their kind, being Exemplars of the great Variation of the Sclawonian alphabet, which approaches nearest to the present Russian, and that they are curious Pieces of Penmanship writ with great Ingenuity, Ease and Freedom — and Mr. Collinson adds in these Words — "I have taken great Care of them and repaired them in many Places and rowl'd them; now, with common Care, they will last many Ages, and are so far a Curiosity to shew the ancient Character and Way of Writing" —

Then Mr. Collinson begs a Favour of the Gentlemen of the Library Company that they will admit his Friend John Bartram (of whose Desert he speaks warmly) an honorary member, without any Expence, and to have a free Access to the Library. — The Directors immediately agreed, that as Mr. Collinson had been a Constant Benefactor to the Company (never charging them with any Commissions, and had presented them with several valuable Books) and as Mr. Bartram was also in their Esteem a deserving Man, he should have free Access to the Library and be permitted to read and borrow the Books, at such Times and in such Manner as Members of the Library Company are privileged to do. —

The 2^d of May 1743. —

At a general Meeting of the Company at the Library pursuant to Notice duly published. — The Directors coming early the Librarian's Account was produced and read over and an Order drawn on the Treasurer to pay him the Balance £2. 14. 9. —

Mr. Lynford Lardner sent a handsome pair of Globes, of sixteen Inches Diameter, to the Library, which he said was

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a Present to the Company from our Proprietary Thomas Penn Esq.
The Members of the Library Company (or a large Majority of them, and some of those present for those that were absent) paid to the Treasurer their Eleventh annual Payment.

Mem^o The Number of Payments (including the Treasurer's own) was 79. Three of which for Members deceased, whose Shares are not yet assigned, viz: William Rawle, James Merrewether and Rees Lloyd — Thomas Bond's Share (which makes the present Number of Shares 90) not being yet subject to the annual Payment, he having purchased of Charles Brockden who, for Services done the Company, was, at a Meeting of the Directors on the 21th April 1732 presented with the Freedom of the Company for sixteen Years, and excused and discharged for the said Term of 2 from the Payment of 10/ per Year. — But 24 of those 79 Payments are to be discounted with the Treasurer as he did not at this Time receive them tho he gave so many Members Receipts, they having on the 12th & 13th of May in 1741 advanced Cash to Thomas Hopkinson and Sam^l Rhoads who collected it (with other Sums) to pay W. Allen. —

The Election being made and the Votes collected it appeared that the same Directors and Treasurer were now chosen, as were last Year, viz:

Directors

Thomas Hopkinson. Benjamin Franklin
John Jones Jun^r. Samuel Rhoads
Hugh Roberts. Philip Syng
Evan Morgan. Samuel Morris
Joseph Metch. Jacob Duche
William Coleman Treasurer

The 9th Day of May 1743. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, upon Notice given. Present B. Franklin, Sam^l Morris, Evan Morgan, & John Jones Directors, with the Librarian Treasurer and Secretary.

The Treasurer produced his Account which was read over and allowed of, and subscribed to by the Directors present. The Ballance in the Company's Favour

May 17th 1743 being £37. 10. 8^½, and then the Treasurer executed his Bond (Penalty £150-) for Performance of his office. B. Franklin acquainted the Members met, that he had lately received from London a Glass-Concave of 12 Inches Diameter for magnifying and burning, which he would present to the Library. —

The Directors signed a Paper for their attending their appointed Meetings. — The Secretary informed that he had on the 30th of last Month carried to the Library, the Manuscripts Pamphlets and Book mentioned in the Minute of the 28th April, and had, on the 4th Instant, recorded and certified George Mifflins Library Receipt. —

The Book which Samuel Morris was appointed to get from the late Treasurer, he has, as the present Treasurer, acknowledges, delivered to him. —

The 13th June 1743. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's. Present, John Jones, Samuel Rhoads, Hugh Roberts, Philip Syng, Samuel Morris and Joseph Stretch. —

The Secretary informed that he had on the 21st of last Month taken to the Library the Concave Mirror given by Mr. Franklin. — And that he had copied the Company's Charter, and delivered it (the 4th Instant) to the Proprietaries Secretary Mr. Peters, to send to them; T. Penn Esq. having wrote for it.

The Directors had Business before them, but not being a full Number to determine upon any thing, 'twas deferred to next Meeting. —

The 11th of July 1743. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's. Present, Thomas Hopkinson, Ben: Franklin, John Jones, Samuel Rhoads, Hugh Roberts, Phil: Syng, Evan Morgan, Sam: Morris & Jos: Stretch, with the Treasurer and Secretary. —

Jacob Shoemaker jun^r was mentioned having desired to be admitted a Member and to pay the Company for a Share, — which was allowed of. —

'Twas also mentioned that Mrs Lloyd's Widow desires her late Husband's Share may be held by her Brother in Trust for her Children, which is to be considered of by some of the Directors.

Directors before they meet again. —

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The Directors inclining to write for Books, there being in our Treasurer's Hands about £20. Sterl^y, made out a List this Evening, amounting to upwards of £12 — and it was recommended that every Person present bring to next Meeting the Titles of such Books as ~~he~~ would have sent for, and are not in the Library. —

The Secretary informed, that on the 18th of last Month he had taken to the Library the Pamphlets for Febr^y. received from J. Collinson & Budden; and that on the 23^d of the same Month he had wrote the Needful to Mr. Collinson & Elias Bland in Capt. Peter Reeve. —

The 8th of August 1743. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's. Present Tho: Hopkinson, Sam: Rhoads, Sam: Morris, Evan Morgan, Hugh Roberts & Ben: Franklin; with the Treas^r. & Librar^y. —

The Treasurer informed that, soon after last Meeting, Jacob Shoemaker Jun^r. had paid him £7.10. for a Share in the Library. — The Secretary has recorded his Receipt in the Company's Record-Book A, Page 3. —

The 12th September 1743. —

A Majority of Directors not coming to this Meeting, the Catalogue of Books, to be sent for, could not be completed.

Mem^o, In the 10th of last Month the Sec^y. rec^d from J. Collinson, the Gent: Meig: for March & April, London D^o for same Months, & Hist: of Works of the Learned for March only, a Pamphlet concerning the fresh Water Polypus, and Proposals for printing, by Subscription, a Treatise upon Microscopes By Joseph Harris; with a Plate of the Solar Microscope; and a new Description of it to be added to. Microscope made easy.

The 10th October

At a Meeting at the Widow Roberts's. Present B. Franklin J. Rhoads, S. Morris, J. Hrethh, P. Syng & J. Jones, with the Treas^r. Librarian and Secretary.

The Catalogue of Books to be sent for was continued but not fully agreed upon, a sufficient Number of Directors not being

being present.

The Secretary informed that he had wrote the Needful
October to J. Collinson, a few Days past, to go in Capt. Seymour
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The 25th of October

The Librarian having brought to the Secretary from
Mr. Peters a Letter which came for the Library Company from
the Proprietaries, he, the said Secretary, gave Notice to the Directors
to meet this Evening and see it opened — They all met (except
Hugh Roberts sick, and Tho. Hopkinson) with the said Librarian
and Secretary — The Letter was in Answer to the Director's
Address of Thanks to the Proprietaries in July 1742 — It was agreed
that Evan Morgan, Samuel Morris, Samuel Rhoads & Joseph Stetch
wait on the Proprietaries Secretary and acquaint him with the Direc-
tors receiving and Contents of the said Letter, and their Thank-
fulness in Behalf of the Company. — A Copy of it follows vizt:—

"Gentlemen

"As we think it our Duty to improve
"every Opportunity that offers, of advancing the Interest of our Province
"and the Welfare of its Inhabitants, we could not but with great Pleasure
"promote an Undertaking calculated to inform their Minds and influ-
"ence them to good and virtuous Actions. If this should be the happy
"Consequence of forming your Society, we shall have great Reason
"to be highly satisfied with the Assistance we have given you, and,
"in Order to it, we must recommend to you, that, ever having that
"Design in view, you lay aside all personal Dislikes, and with a
"Benevolence of Disposition, which is the greatest Ornament of human
"Nature, endeavour to impress such Principles on the Minds of those
"who may want Direction, as may tend to make them easy and
"happy.

"We are well pleased, by your Address, to find these your
"Sentiments, and while you make this your Endeavour, you may
"be assured of our ready and cheerful Assistance".

"Tells August 9th 1743.

John Penn

Tho Penn

Richard Penn

The 14th of November

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts.

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Ordered, That from the Catalogues, N^o. 1, 2, 3. be a Catalogue made out by the Secretary in order to be sent to M^r. Collinson, and that he be desired to purchase the Books of Tho^s. Osborne at Gray's Inn. —

M^r. Lardner and M^r. Hockley being proposed to be admitted into the Company, they were approved of. —

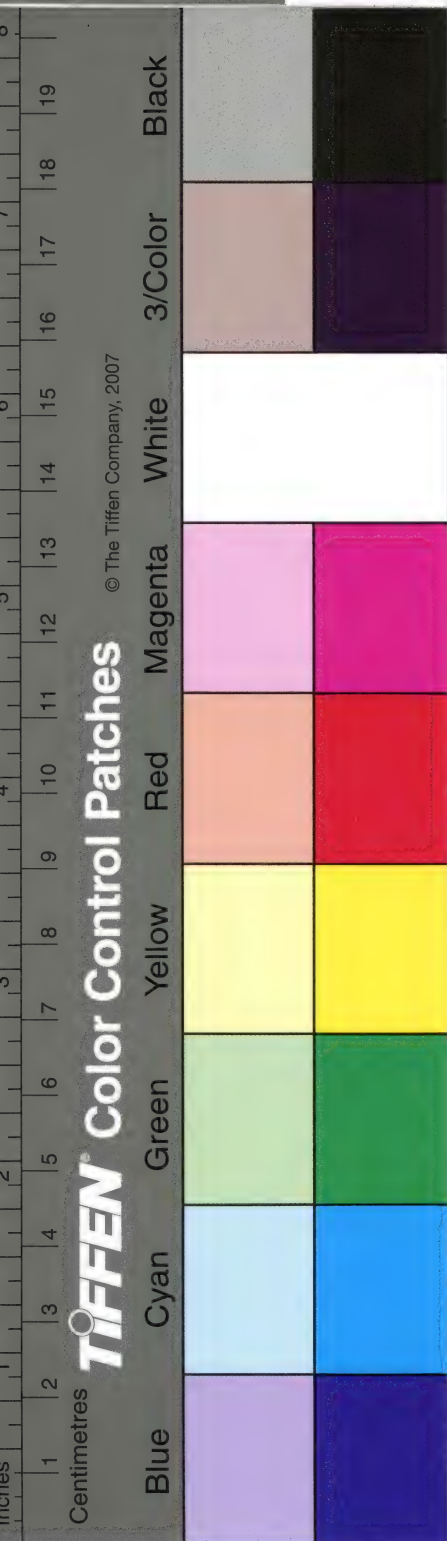
The Directors agreed that the Address lately sent to the Prop^r together with their Answer, should be printed, and Evan Morgan was desired to get Copies from the Sec^y. and deliver them to M^r. Franklin for that Purpose. —

Ordered. That the Treasurer lay out the Money in his Hands, in a Bill of Exchange for the Use of the Company, to be forwarded by the Sec^y. to P. Collinson in London with the above mentioned Catalogue.

December 12th 1743. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's Present.
B. Franklin, S. Rhoads, T. Hopkinson, J. Morris, P. Syng, J. Stretch, J. Jones, & J. Duché (Directors) with the Librar^y & Sec^y.

The Secretary informed, that on the 23^d of October came to Hand the Gent^l. Mag^s for June & July, London L^d. and History of the Works of the Learned for May (but not yet the Mag^s for May) and Proposals for printing by Subscription the Hist^y of Printing in England — That on the 17th of Nov^r he had recorded and attested Lynford Lardner's Library Receipt and Richard Hockley's in the Company's Record Book A Page 4. — That on the 19th of the same Month he wrote a Letter to P. Collinson and inclosed in it the Catalogue of Books to come next Spring, and inclosed therewith the first of a Set of Bills of Exchange which the Treasurer bought him yester Evening, Charles Willing's Draughton David Barclay & Son, to pay Peter Collinson or Order £36. 7. 3 Sterl^y. in Account of the Library Company of Philadelphia — That he had copied the Address to the Prop^r and their Answer, and sent them to M^r. Franklin's and acquainted Evan Morgan with it — That on the 29th of last Month he had received a Packett of B. Franklin which came fr^o Capt. Reeve in which were the two Mag^s for August — And that M^r. Collinson in his Letter to him, briefly says,
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"the History of the Works of the Learned is left off."

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Doctor Shaw, by several of his Friends (among the Mem-
bers present) desired the Directors to mitigate his Fines for not
returning a Book to the Library in the Time mentioned in his Note
of Hand for £5. given to the Librarian Seven Months ago, which
Book has since been returned, and might have been within Time,
as he alledges, but for the Negligence of the Boatman by whom
he sent it — The Directors considered the Case and soon came to a
Resolution, that as they had formerly debated largely on an
Affairs of the like Nature, and that it would give Occasion for
future Debates and Inconveniences if they broke thro' a good
and reasonable Rule made in a Minute of February 1732^{1/2} the
Doctor should (agreeable to it) not be excused, or any Abatement
made from his paying 1/6th Week for 2 Weeks keeping the Book beyond
the limited Time, and paying (besides the Return of the Book) the
one Quarter Part of his Note of Hand for exceeding the 2 Weeks.

Townsend White was mentioned as an Applicant to be
admitted into the Company, & was approved of —

The Catalogue of Books, to be bought of Thomas Osborne at Gray's Inn

Herodotus's History	Volume 3. ^d of Pope & Swift's Letters
Abridgemt. of Boyle's Lectures, 4 vol.	England's Enqu: into Morals of Antients
Flojer on cold Baths.	History of the Heavens.
Rapin's Critical Works	Smith's Longinus
Warburton's divine Legation	Wiquefort's Ambassador
----- Alliance of Church & State	Shaw's Chymical Lectures
Desaguliers's Natural Philosophy	----- 3 Essay's on Distillation.
Hist: of Liberia, Russia &	L. Landdowne's Works, 8 Vol.
S. Isaac Newton's Optics	Sale's Koran of Mahommed. 4 ^{to}
----- Chronology	Boothave's Chymistry, last Edit.
Westons Short hand	Booth's Diodorus Siculus, English
Clarendon's Hist of Affairs of Ireland	Gollins of Reason, of Irony &
Hayes's Treatise of Fluxions	----- Phil: Enqu: of Hum: Liberty
A new short Treatise of Algebra,	Elements of Plain & Spherical Trigonometry
with the Geometrical Construct ⁿ of	with the Principles of Spherical Geometry
Equat ⁿ together with the Nature &	& the several Projections of the Sphere in
Algorithm of Fluxions, By John	Plans, illustrated with useful Cases &
Harris, DD and FRS. —	Examples by J. Harris DD & FRS. —

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Pardie's Elements of Geometry, Eng.
Lemery's Curiosities in Art & Nature
Pregnant Women, Strength of their Imagin:
Wilkin's Nat: Religion
The British Merchant
London & Country Brewer
Baalmaanaara's Acc't. of Formosa
Boerhaave's Aphorisms
----- Praxis Medica
----- Method of Study, & Phys.
----- Institut.^{on} of Physic
Martin's Philosophical Library
Herrera's Hist: of America
Debates in Parliament
Practice of Metallurgy
Bayle's Dictionary by Burch.

Hist: of Michael Servetus
Rational Acc't. of the Weather
Suetonius, in English
Langley's Practical Geometry
Hammond's Algebra
Holben's Acc't. of Cape of G. Hope
Beverly's Hist: of Virginia
Hale's Statical Experiments
Ramazini's Diseases of Tradesmen
Theatrum Machinarum novum
Clarendon's moral Essays
Remainder of Rollin's Rom: Hist:
Theurloes's Letters
Gulliver's Travels
Cramer on Assaying of Metals

N.B. If the Money does not hold out, the Dictionary may be omitted till another Opportunity. —

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January 9th 1744. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Robert's.
Present, only B. Franklin, Ewan Morgan, Jos. Stretch & Sam.
Rhoads, with the Librarian & Secy. —

John Leech Jun^r was proposed as a Member, he
having made Application, and was allowed of; The Secy.
to speak to three other Directors before the said Leech obtains
a Receipt or Certificate from the Treasurer —

The 13th of February 1744. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Robert's.
Present, B. Franklin, Sam: Morris, Phil: Syng, Sam: Rhoads
Ewan Morgan, Hugh Roberts & Jos. Stretch. — No Business
of Consequence lying before the Directors, nothing was
done to be minuted. —

The 12th March 1744. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Robert's,
Present. B. Franklin, Phil: Syng, Hugh Roberts, J. Hopkinson
and Jacob Duché, with the Treas: & Secy. —

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The Secretary informed that on the 7th of this
Month he wrote to J. Collinson (to go tomorrow, thence, by
March William Millis in Capt. Peter Reeve) copying his last Letter,
1744 and inclosing the second Bill of Exchange for £36⁷/₃ - and
a Duplicate of the Catalogue of Books, and had desired Peter
Collinson to order the Magazines for May to be sent us, which
we had not yet received

The 9th Day of April 1744.
This Evening met at the usual Place, Hugh
Roberts, Ben: Franklin, Phil: Syng, Sam: Rhoads & S: Morris
with the Treasurer Wm Coleman. —

The 7th of May 1744. —
At a general Meeting at the Library Room according
to public Notice duly given to the Library Company to meet
in Pursuance of their Charter by three o'Clock in the Afternoon,
to chuse Directors and a Treasurer and to make the 12th Annual
Payment; — A Majority met and made their Payments; And
for those that were absent [and three dead whose Shares are
not assigned, which was the Case last Year] their Friends present
paid. The Treasurer receiving 10s a piece for 83 Shares (his own
included) — Thomas Bond (which would make 84) and com-
pleted our Number at this Time, being yet exempt.

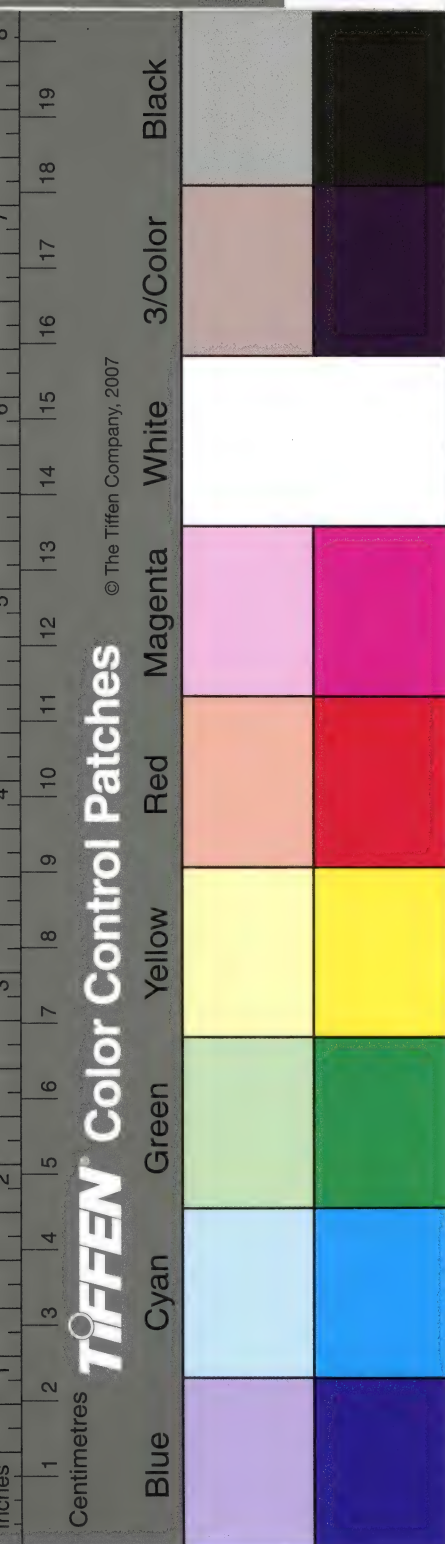
The same Officers were rechosen viz^t —

Directors. —

Benj ⁿ Franklin	Thomas Hopkinson
John Jones	Philip Syng
Samuel Rhoads	Evan Morgan
Hugh Roberts	Joseph Stretch
Samuel Morris	Jacob Duche

William Coleman Treasurer

The Officers meeting in the Evening at the Widow Ro-
berts's, the Treasurer's Account for the preceding Year was
exhibited, perused and past. The Ballance in his Hands
(exclusive of this Day's Payments to him) being only 8²/₂.
The Ballance due to William Parsons Librarian for his Acc^t
was £4⁷/₈ for which an Order was drawn under the Acc^t



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upon the Treasurer and signed by a Majority of the Directors. And an Order was likewise drawn and signed under the Secretary's Account for the Payment of it, being £4. 10. — allowed him exclusive of Fines to be paid him by the Directors for Absences.

Philip Syng and Samuel Morris were appointed to examine the Books in the Library, and make Report what are missing, or want Covering &c.

The Secretary informed that on the 11th of last Month he had received a Letter fr^m Breeme from P. Collinson, who says the Bill for £36. 7. 3 on David Barclay is accepted, and that he carried the Catalogue to Osborne, of whom he could not have all the Books (for the Reasons he gives) and must purchase the rest where he could, and that the Works of the Learned are much behind, they having none later than July. — By Breeme he sent London & Gent: Mag: for May, October Nov. Dec. & Jan. and Supplement to Gent: Mag: for the year 1743 and Appendix to the London for 2^d and Hist: of Works Learned for April and July, and a Book entitled An attempt towards a Natural History of the Polype, by Henry Baker FRS. And the Secret^y also informed that according to his Memorandums the Com^py want Hist. of Works Learned for May, June and all since July & both Mag: for the Month of September.

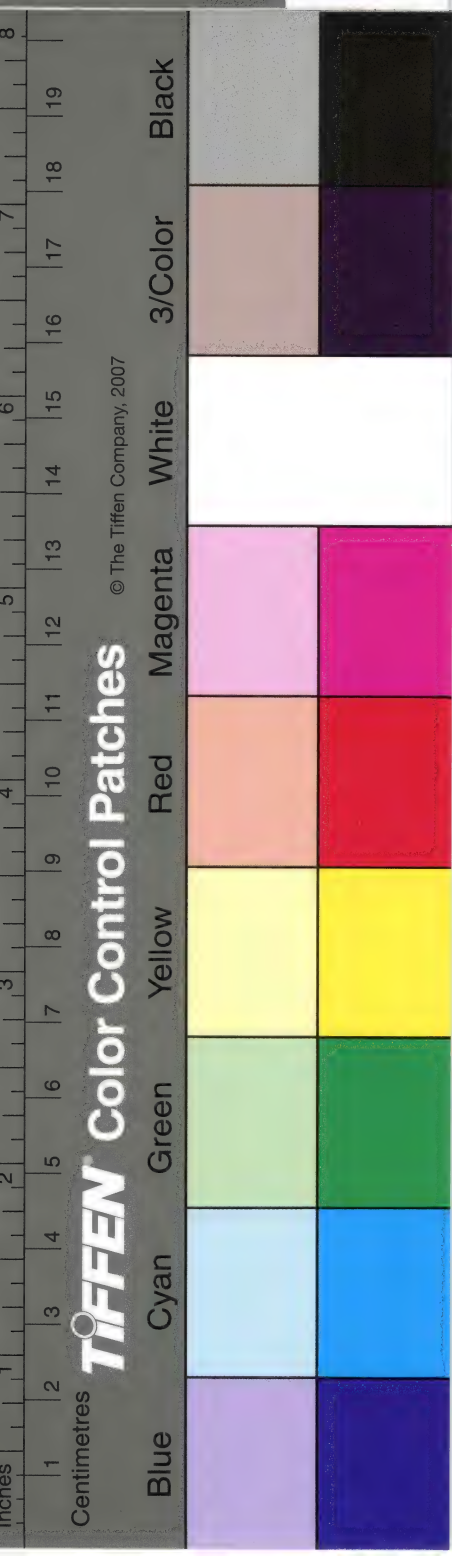
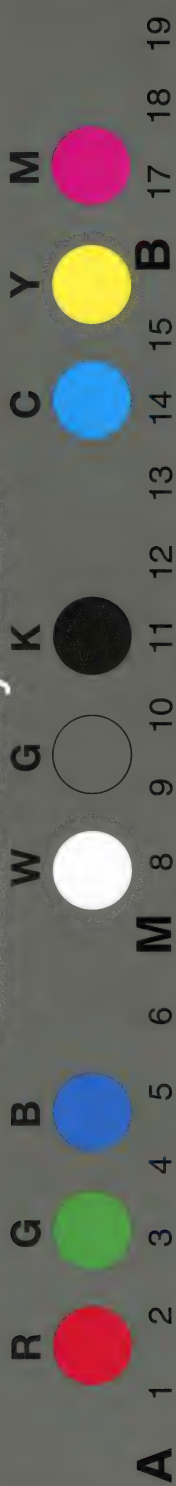
The 14th May 1744.

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's. Present Eight of the Directors, Tho: Hopkinson & Jacob Duché being absent; the Treasurer and Librarian attending, and this is all that is to be said at this Time.

The 11th Day of June 1744.

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's Present, John Jones, Jacob Duché, Hugh Roberts, Jos. Stetch Ben: Franklin, Evan Morgan & Phil: Syng. with Officers.

The Secretary informed that on the 18th of May he had received a Letter from Peter Collinson of March 10th last acquainting him that our Bill for £36. 7. 3 was paid and carried to Account and that Reasons were given for said



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Letter for the Omission, or not sending of several Books set down
in our Catalogue &c And the Secy. informed that on the 21.th of
June 1744 May he received from Capt. Cox the Company's Books sent by M.^r
Collinson, which he opened at the Library in Presence of some
of the Directors, and he, comparing them with the Invoices
found them to agree, except wanting Harris's Treatise of Alge-
bra, which D. Collinson says was kept to be lettered and would
soon be sent. — which Book John Jones, lately returning from
England, delivered to the Secy. — And the Secretary further
informed, that the difference between the Books come and
the Catalogue sent is as follows, Viz: — Wanting Wiquefort's
Ambassador, New Curiosities by Lemery, Suetonius, Boerhaave's
Praxis Medica, Hales's Statical Experiments, Tharloe's Letters, De-
bates in Parliament, and the Practice of Metallurgy; And
added Middleton's Letters, and Pope's Letters 3 Vol. instead
of Vol. 3.^d and the 2 Mag. for February. — And that M. Collinson
says in his Letter that Insurance was advanced to a very un-
reasonable Price, and he could not get it under 8 guineas p^r.
ct. — This Article of Insurance being £3.3.0 the Amount of
the Books, with Charges, is £39.9. — Sterl^d —

The 9.th of July 1744. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, met only
Evan Morgan, Samuel Rhoads, Joseph Stretch with the Treasurer
and Secretary. —

The 13.th of August

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, Present,
Philip Syng, Evan Morgan, John Jones, Benj. Franklin, Hugh
Roberts, Samuel Rhoads and William Coleman —

The 10.th of Sept.^r —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, Present
only B. Franklin, & the Treas^r. & Librarian —

The 8.th of October

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, Present,
B. Franklin, Tho^s Hopkinson, S. Rhoads, Evan Morgan, Hugh
Roberts, Philip Syng and the Librarian —

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The 12th of Nov^r 1744. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, pres^t
 Nov^r B. Franklin, Sam. Rhoads, Sam: Morris, Evan Morgan,
 1744 Jacob Duché, John Jones, Phil: Syng & Jos: Steteh —

Proposed, that Mr. Franklin speak to his Compani-
 ons who were, before the Grant of our Patent, nominated
 Trustees to receive a Conveyance from the Proprietor, in Be-
 half of the Company, for a Lot he gave them to build a Library
 House upon, on the South Side of Chestnut Street, and that
 they, the said nominated Trustees obtain a Patent or Deed
 for the said Lot to the Library Comp^y of Philad^a without Delay.

And ordered, that Joseph Warner be allowed to
 borrow Books and come into the Privileges of his Brother
 Isaac Warner, a Member of the Comp^y lately deceased.

The 10th of Decem^r 1744. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's, Pres^t
 B. Franklin, J. Hopkinson, S. Morris, H. Roberts, S. Rhoads &
 the Treasurer Librarian and Secretary. —

The Sec^y informed that on the 29th of October he
 had received, Wth Cap^t Seymour, a short Letter from P. Collinson
 with Hist^y of Works Learned for August 1743 Lond: Mag: for
 March 1744 & Gent: Mag: for same Month —

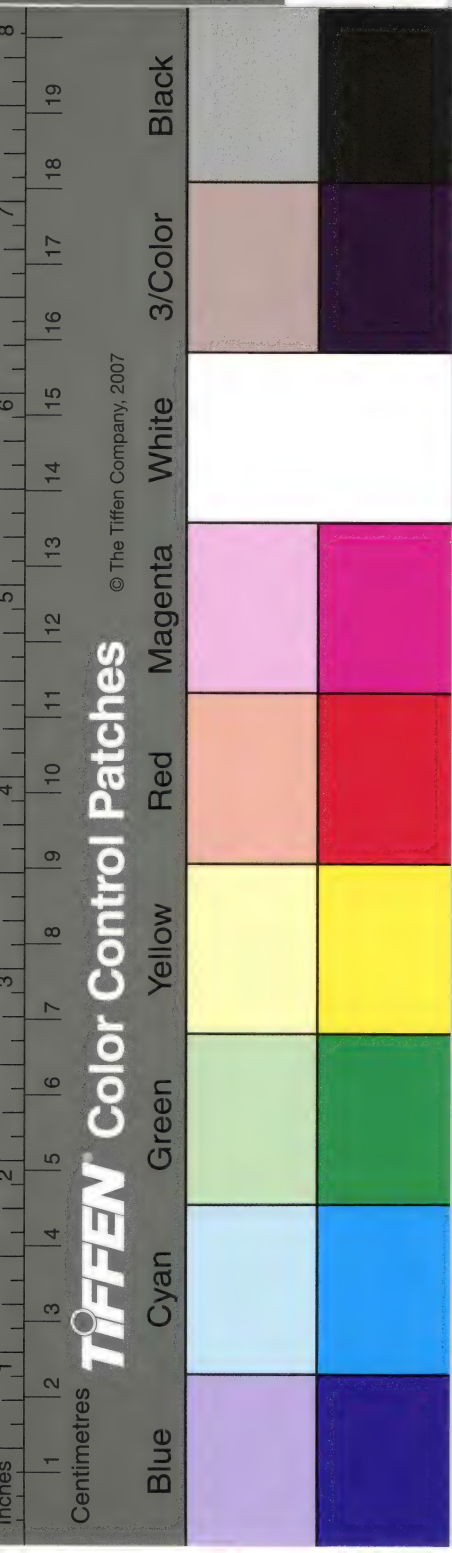
And that on the 13th of Nov^r last, John Smith (being
 lately admitted a Member of this Company) paid the Treas^r
 Wm Coleman £8- for a Share in the Library, rec^d a Certificate
 thereof & produced it to him the said Sec^y which he entered in
 the Company's Record Book A. page 5. — And that on the 24th
 of the said Nov^r he rec^d (by the Care of Wm Logan) from P.
 Collinson, Lond: & Gent: Mag: for April. —

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The 14th of January 1745. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's.
 Present, B. Franklin, S. Rhoads, S. Morris, S. Jones, Hugh
 Roberts, Evan Morgan & P. Syng, with the Treasurer Libra-
 rian and Secretary —

The Sec^y informed, that on the 22^d Day of last
 Month, the Treas^r brought to him three Bills of Exchange
 (the foremost of a Set of six) drawn by Allen & Turner on



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Messrs John Mason and John Simpson Merch^{ts} in London
for £25 Sterlg. payable to D. Collinson for the Use of the Library
Janu^y Company. And that he immediately wrote a Letter to Mr.
1745 Collinson, and inclosed the first in it, to go by Brig^d Queen
of Hungary, Joseph Falkner Comm^r. —

At this Meeting Joseph Sims was allowed of by
the Directors to be a Member of the Comp^y. —

Ordered, That the Librarian carry the Company's
Charter to Charles Brockden, to be recorded.

And, Ordered, that the Committee for examining
the Books in the Library, get such of them bound as want it.

The 11th of Febr^y 1745. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's.
Present. S. Rhoads, E. Morgan, H. Roberts, P. Morris, J. Stutch,
J. Lyng, J. Duché & B. Franklin with the Treasurer

Ordered, That the Committee who reviewed the
Books, deliver to the Librarian an Acc^t of such Books, Pam-
phlets &c as are wanting, and acquaint him that the Direc-
tors desire to have that Affair compleatly settled, before
the Year expires. —

Joseph Goodwin Book-binder his Account of
£2.15. — for binding, gilding & Lettering 13, 8^{vo} and 8, 12^{mo}.
was laid before the Directors & allowed, and an Order drawn
on the Treasurer for Payment of the same —

The Sec^y. (by Writing) informed that on the 15th
of last Month he received from the Post Office Gent^l: Lond: Mag.
for August — And that on the 23^d he rec^d at John Smith's Store
a Letter from D. Collinson & both Mag^s: for May, June & July, and
Sirs a Book concerning Tar Water &c by the Bishop of Cloyne,

The 11th of March 1745. —

At a Monthly Meeting of all the Directors (except
J. Hopkinson & J. Duché) with the Treas^r. Libraⁿ. & Sec^y. —

The Directors proposed the making out a Catalogue
of Books to be sent for. And Phil: Lyng & P. Morris made a Report
according to their Appointm^t: the 7th of May last, to examine the
Books in the Library — The Sec^y. informed that on the 1st Instant
he wrote to D. Collinson, & enclosed a 2^d Bill of Exchange. —

April 8th 1745.—

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Robert's pres.
April 1745 B. Franklin, J. Stretch, J. Morris, E. Morgan, J. Rhoads, Tho.
 Hopkinson, J. Duché & Ph. Syng. with &c

The Secy. informed (by Writing) that Isaac Paschall desired to come into the Library, and being under age, that his Uncle John Reynell's Name might be entered for him — and also informed that Christian Grapold had bought Samuel Hale's share, and requested to be admitted. — Both which were allowed of. — Ordered, That the Company's general Meeting or Day of Election, be timely published. —

The 6th of May 1745.—

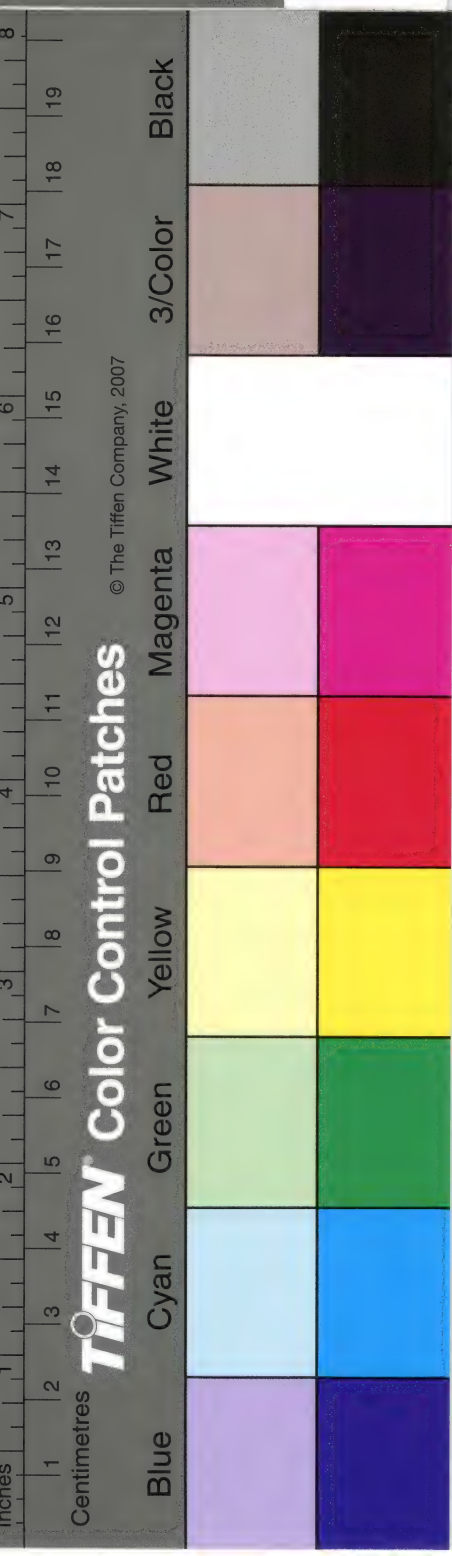
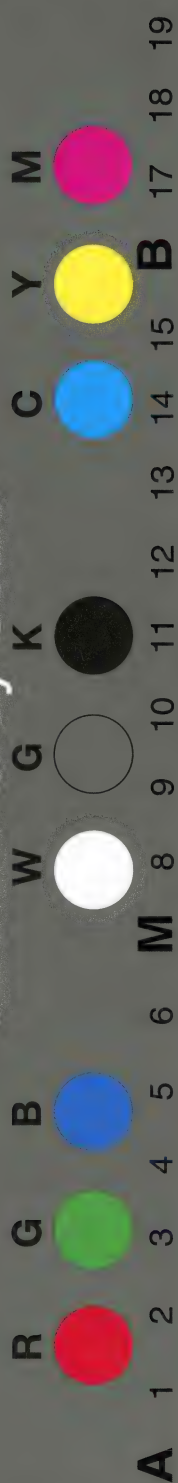
At a general Meeting at the Library Room according to Public Notice duly given pursuant to the Library Company's Charter, to choose Directors & a Treasurer, and to make the 13th Annual Payment; all the said Payments were made by the Members whose Duty it was to pay them, or by other Members present who befriended the absent, either at the Library or afterwards the same Evening; the Attendance and Voting this Time, falling short of other former Years. — The Treasurer received for 86 Shares, his own included. — Tho! Bond's share (making 87) being yet exempt from the 10th Ann. —

The Directors and Treasurer elected last Year were again made choice of — They adjourned at the Close of the Election to the Widow Robert's, where only six of them attended viz. B. Franklin, J. Syng, J. Hopkinson, E. Morgan, J. Morris & J. Rhoads, with Treas. Lib & Secy. —

B. Franklin's acct for printing Notices of the general Meetings for 1744 & 1745 and Blank Receipts in those two Years being 20^s was allowed of and Order drawn on the Treas^r for Payment & signed by the Directors pres.

The Treasurer's acct was also allowed of and signed; the Balance thereof in the Company's Favour (exclusive of this Day's Payments) being £14. 8. 0^½ —

Daniel Benesett having lately married — Elizabeth North, the Heir, Executrix & Devisee of James Merrett late of Philad^a (a worthy Member of the said Comp^y.)



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deceased, desired by his Friends to be proposed to come into Membership, and take to the share of said James Merrewether, which was approved and allowed of. — And Christopher Thompson was mentioned as a Person desirous of purchasing a share in the Library, which was also allowed of. — They the said Directors agreed to meet, at the same Place, next Monday Evening

The 13th of May 1745. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Robert's, present John Jones, Joseph Stetch, Ben: Franklin, Phil: L yng, Evan Morgan and Sam: Rhoads, with the Treas: Libra: & Secy: —

John Jones and Joseph Stetch (who were not present at last Week's Meeting) now consented to the Allowance then made, to Daniel Benezet & Christopher Thompson

The 10th of June 1745. —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Robert's, present Phil: L yng, S: Morris, S: Rhoads, B: Franklin with y^e Librarian

Application was made for the Admission of David Edwards and Lewis Evans, but there was not a sufficient Number of Directors to do any thing.

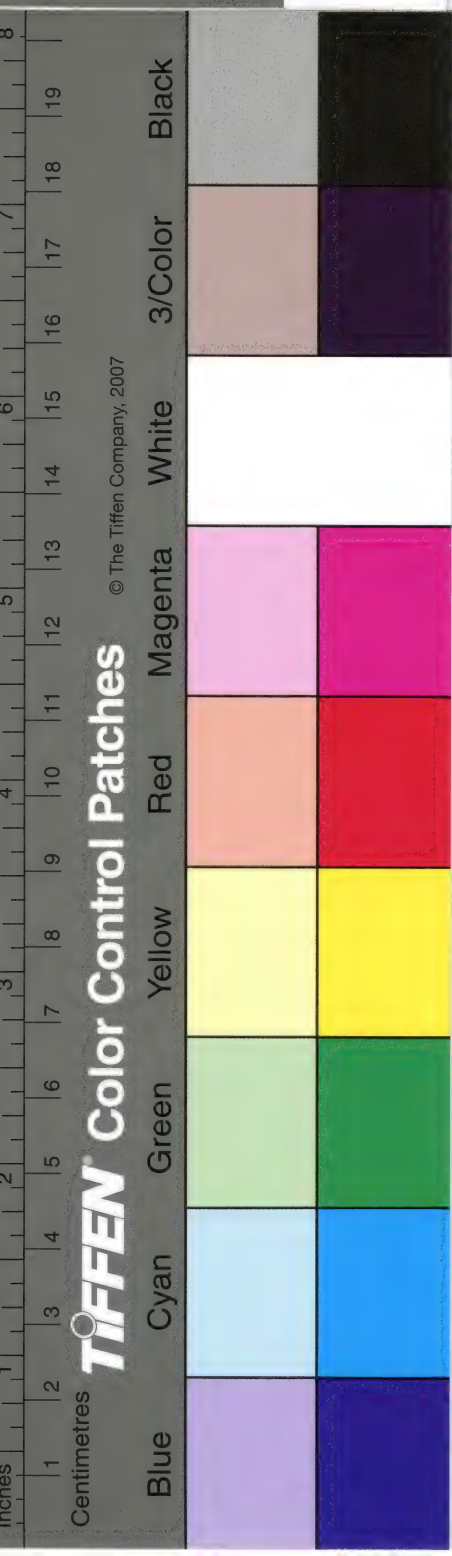
Memorandums. April 11th. The Secretary

recorded the Treasurer's Receipt or Certificate to John Reynell. — May 10th he recorder Chr: Thompson's Receipt — April 18th The Secy: (having wrote an Apignment from Sam: Hale to C. Grapold) recorded his Admission — May 18th He recorded and certified Daniel Benezet's Admittance — May 30th He recorded Joseph Sims's Rec^t. — June 1st Wm Coleman Treas: paid the Secretary £4 — for his last Year's Salary, & 1/ for Portage of Books — June 15th The Secy: received from B: Franklin two Packets, which came fr: Capt: Evans, containing Lond: & Gent: Mag: for Sept: & October

The 8th of July 1745 —

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Robert's. present All the Directors (except Jacob Duche and Evan Morgan) with the Treasurer & Librarian

Lewis Evans & David Edwards were admitted Members — Tho: Hopkinson & Jos: Stetch appointed to collect all



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all the old Library Rules. — B. Franklin to print the Charter &c. And Wm. Parsons to give him a Catalogue of the new Books, to be printed — And B. Franklin to get of the Secretary, from amongst the Library Papers, in his keeping, the old Catalogues printed, or in Manuscript, to help the Directors in a new Choice of Books to be sent for.

The 12th of August 1745.

At a Monthly Meeting at the Widow Roberts's. — Present. Evan Morgan, Jos. Stretch, S. Morris, L. Rhoads, & Ben. Franklin, with the Treas^r & Librarian.

Thomas Hopkinson & Joseph Stretch have made a Collection of the old Library Rules, which Jos. Stretch delivered in Writing; but no Business was done for want of a sufficient Number of Directors.

The 9th of Sept^r 1745.

At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Roberts's; no Business done for want of a sufficient Number of Directors.

The Sec^y had on the 19th August recorded the Treasurer's Receipt or Certificate to Lewis Evans.

The 14th of October

At a Meeting of the Directors at Widow Roberts's; no Business done. — The Sec^y had received a Letter from P. Collinson dated Feb. 26, and an Account of 2 Books published by R. Pococke, being Descriptions of Egypt & the East. — On 25th Sept. he received all the Pamphlets & Books in P. Collinson's Acct Viz.

Feb. 26th Library Company. — Dr
1744, 5 To Lond: Mag: for 8th 9th 10th Sept. Jan. — £ — "2" 6
To Anson's Voyage — "5"
May 6th To Gent: Mag. for 8th 9th 10th Sept. Jan: Feb. March, April — "4"
To London B: — Feb. Mar. Ap. — "1" 6
To Works of Learned for October 1743. — "1"
To Mag: for May & Sept. 1743. — "1"
To Hooks Micrography, Folio. — "13" 6
To Description of Greenland — "4"
To Mead on poisons, & Sloan on Eyes. — "5" 9
£ — 1" 18" 3

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At a Meeting of the Directors at Joseph Breintnalls
Present. B. Franklin, Ph. Syng, S. Rhoads, W. Morgan, Hugh
Roberts, Jos. Stretch, S. Morris & Jacob Duché. —

The Treasurer informing that he had near £70 —
now in his Hands belonging to the Company, the Directors
began to form a Catalogue of Books to be sent for at next
Vessel; but not having Time to compleat the same, agreed
to meet for that Purpose, on Thursday Evening next. —

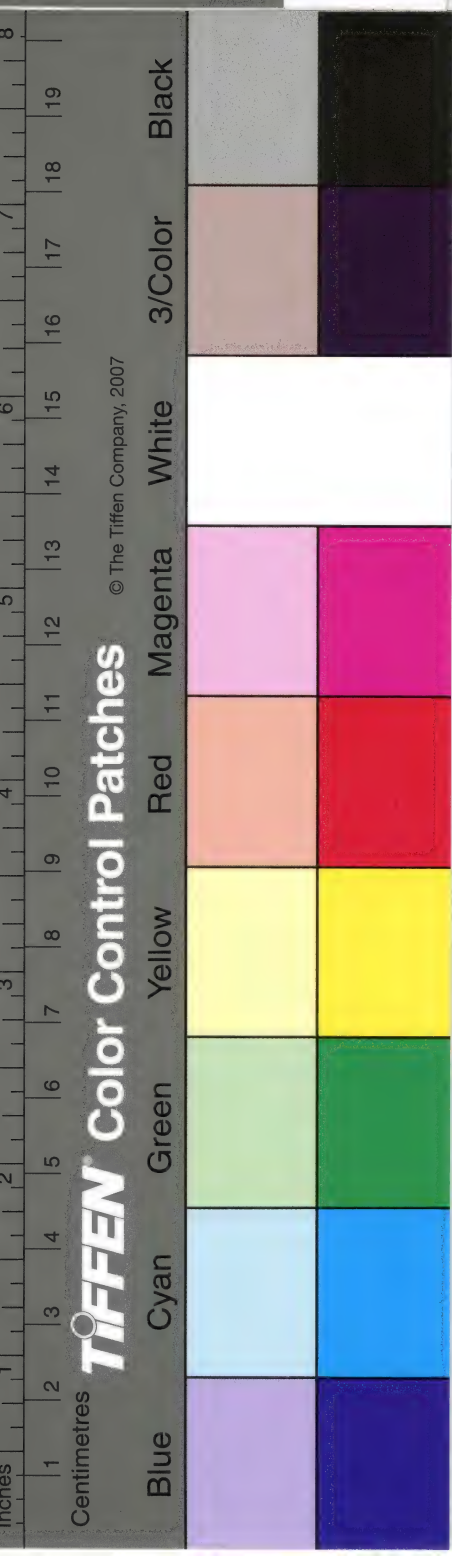
The Secy. had received by J. Shoemaker, a Letter
from Peter Collinson, with the History of Newis, Essay on
Maritime Power, Commerce & both Meag. for June & July.

December 9th 1745. —

At a Meeting of the Directors & Treasurer at Joseph
Breintnalls (Absent Tho. Hopkinson, John Jones & W. Morgan)
a Catalogue of Books &c to be sent for, which had been ma-
king up at several Meetings before, was agreed on, which
follows here. Viz^t —

Venerius's System of Geography
improved by T. H. Newton & D. Surin }
revised by Peter Shaw. 2 Vol. }
Phillips's Poems.
Philos. Transact. 8 & 9th Vol.
Chellingworth's Works
Phys. Dictionary, by James
Van Swieten's Commentaries }
on Boerhaave's Aphorisms }
Dugdale on Fens & Marshes
Chelsea's Anatomy
Wolffius's Course of Mathematics
Life of David 2 Vol. —
Original Letters to Oliver Cromwell
Kempfers Hist. of Japan
Voiture's Works
Arian's Hist. of Alex^r. the Great.
Lex Mercatoria
Rollin's Rom. Hist. continued
Mating's Hist. of Ireland

Notcommon's Works.
T. John Denham's Works.
Hale's Statical Experiments
Voltaire's Letters
Thurloe's Letters
Tour thro' Great Britain
Universal History
Medical Essays of Edinburgh
Cicero's Orations, by Guthrie. Eng.
Acc^t. of the French Observat. for the
Discovery of Breath of a Day. of Lat.
Vestigian's Antiquities
Churchill on Lives of Kings of Eng.
Chronicum pretiosum
Hallifax's Miscellanies
Walpole's Rep^t. of Comm. of Peccary
Shakespeare's Works, by Theobald
Life of Prince Eugene
Hist. of Wales by David Powel
Middleton's Epistles of Cicero



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Essay on Parties

Mallett's Life of L^d Bacon

Receiver and two sets of little glass Images, the former being all broke. 6 Doz. Square thin Bottles for breathing in the Air pump. A Solar Microscope complead. A polished Concave D^o.

The Secy. in his Letter to M^r. Collinson is to acknowledge the Receipt of the Books he has sent, and thank him for his kind Care in sending whatever Things came out that are curious, tho' not wrote for; to desire he would send the Directors some Information of the different sorts of Orery's and their Prices, and acquaint him that a Bill for about £10- will speedily be sent him

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The 13th of January 1746.

At a Meeting of the Directors at Joseph Breintnalls
Absent only John Jones, Jacob Duche & Tho^s. Hopkinson

Ordered, That the Treas. lay out the Money in his Hands in a Bill of Exchange, Payable to P. Collinson or Order for the Use of the Company — Allowed that B. Shoemaker transfer his Share to his Son — Isaac Roberts is admitted to borrow Books on Margaret Paschall's Notes — J. Rhoads is desired to make a Stand or Table, on which to place the Globes in the Library; and also to make a Box for the Charter to be kept in. — Ben: Franklin, Hugh Roberts & W^m. Coleman are appointed a Committee to revise the Rules for lending Books &c & report to the next Meeting of the Directors, what Alterations they think necessary to be made in them.

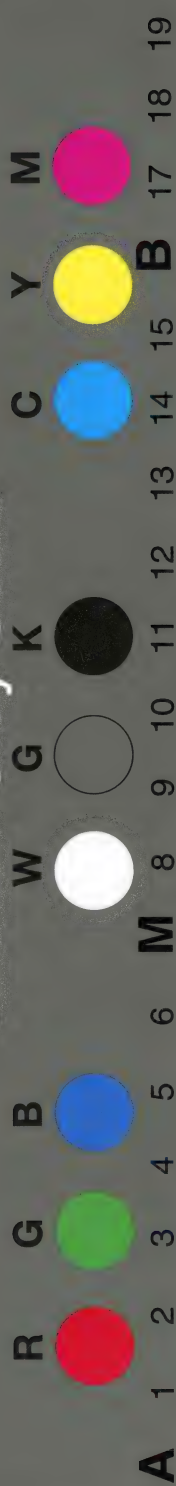
The Secy. reported, that he had wrote to P. Collinson by Mashard, & enclosed the Catalogue for a new Parcel of Books, & the Glasses &c & sent a Copy H. Hargrave via Maryl^d.

Resolved, That an acct be yearly stated in the Book of Minutes between the Librarian & Company, & if any Books are wanting, their Value shall be deducted from his Salary.

The 10th of Febru^y 1746.

At a Meeting of Directors at Jos: Breintnalls
Present: B. Franklin, H. Roberts, P. Syng, E. Morgan & Treas.

No Business done for Want of a sufficient Number of Directors.



The 10th of March 1746.

At a Meeting of the Directors, at Joseph Breintnalls
March present, Samuel Morris, Samuel Rhoads, Ewan Morgan, Joseph
1746 Hetch, Philip Syng, and Benjamin Franklin.
No Business done, for want of a sufficient Num-
ber of Directors.

The 14th of April 1746.

At a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Brantnalls
present: E. Morgan, S. Morris, H. Roberts, J. Jones, J. Duché,
P. Syng & B. Franklin —

The Directors being acquainted that Isaac Jones
desired to become a Member, he was approved of — Nicholas
Scull was allowed to transfer his Share to his son Edward
who is admitted a Member — Enoch Flower, also applying
for Leave to become a Member, was approved of; and it was
agreed that Seth Flower, a Nephew of his under age, might
be permitted to take out Books on Enoch Flower's Notes, the
said Enoch being accountable —

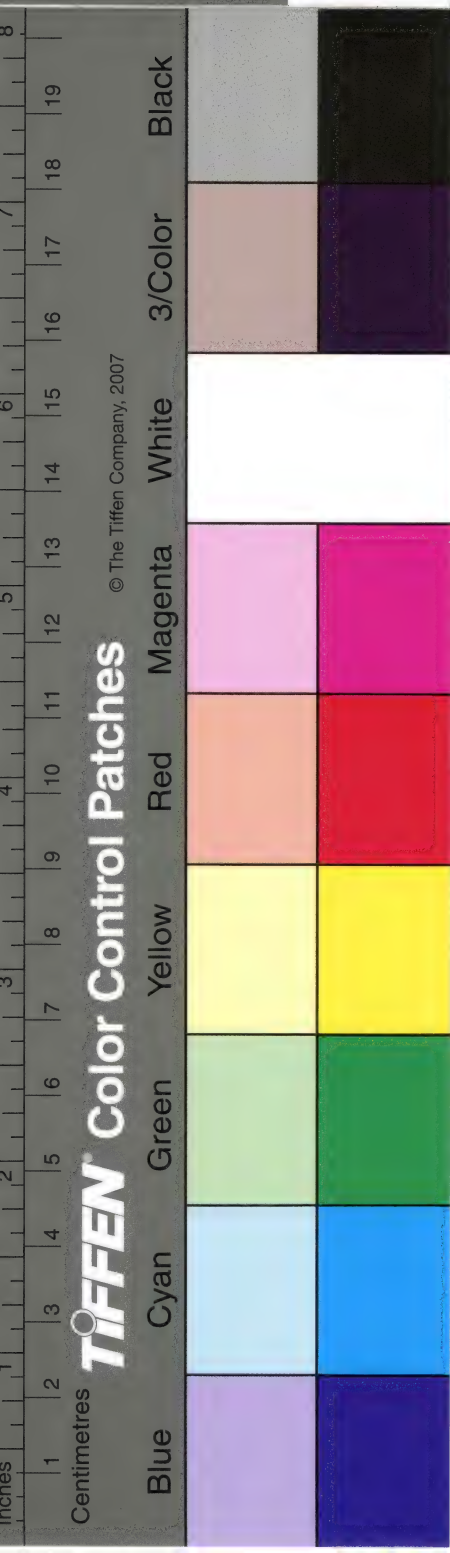
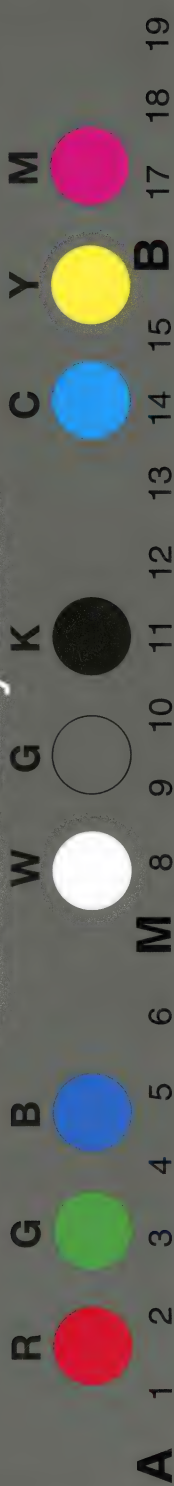
M. Collinson's Acct. received of Harrison was laid
before the Directors, and follows, viz^t —

Library Comput. D^r to Peter Collinson, p^r Cont. C^t —

1742	To Mag. & works L ^d for Apr. & May	8..
June 16	And that of D. of mariner's	
July 8.	To D ^r for June b ^t Lightfoot	2..
Sept. 12 th	To D ^r for July & August b ^t Stevenson	4..
Octo. 10.	To D ^r for Sept. b ^t Warren	2..
Feb. 16.	To 8 th 9 th 10 th Jan. Feb. & that of Microscopes	14.6
March 14	To D ^r Feb. b ^t Radeney	2..
May 11	To D ^r Mar. Apr. & Polypos	3.6
	To Postage	0.6
Aug. 22 nd	To D ^r May, June & July & works L ^d May	4..
	To Postage	0.9
Sept. 13.	To mag. for August & postage	1.6
	To Postage D ^r use with Bill enclosed	0.10
Feb. 2.	To mag. & works L ^d for June	1..
	To Mag. to Feb. 9. included	6..
	To works L ^d April & July	2..
	To that of Polypos	4..
	To Postage, B ^t Bream	1..
Feb. 17 th	To Trunk of Books &c	39.9
1744	To Mag. for Mar. works L ^d Aug.	2..
April 18 th	To D ^r for April & May	2..
Aug. 2.	To D ^r June July & Yarrowater	6..
	To Postage	0.6
Sept. 10	To Mag. for Aug. b ^t Martin & Postage	1.3
Octob. 30	To D ^r Sept. Octo. b ^t Evans & D ^r	2.6
Nov. 3.	To Postage b ^t Houghton	0.9
1745	To mag. & Annals very age	7.6
May 6	To 3 rd Books b ^t Hargrove	1.10.9
	To Postage	0.5
Aug. 20 th	To mag. & Books b ^t Murnard	10.9
Octo. 8	To D ^r for Aug. & Sept.	3..
Octo. 15	To Books &c p ^r Capt. Harrison	15.13.3
1745		61.7.3

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Philad^a
Nov. 17th By Bill on D. Barclay L^d 36.7.3

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Dec. 17th By D^r on John Mason L^d 25..
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A Book entituled, *New Microscopical Discoveries*,
came to Hand with M. Collinson's Account; Also Mag. for Nov. & Dec.
Philip Syng & Samuel Morris are appointed to review
the Library, and give the Directors an Account, at their next
Meeting what Books are missing — and B. Franklin is to draw
from the Minutes an Account of the Pamphlets that ought to
be in the Library. —

Agreed, to meet at the Library Room, on Saturday the
3^d of May at 2 o'clock P.M. to finish the Business of the Year — and
B. Franklin is desired to advertise the Gen^l Meeting in his next Gazette.

The 3^d of May 1746. —

At a Meeting of the Directors at the Library, so few
appeared that no Business could be done — Adjourned to the Day
of Election

The 5th of May 1746. —

At a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Brintnalls,
present: W. Morgan, B. Franklin, P. Syng, Sam^l Rhoads, S. Morris,
J. Popkinson & Jos. Petch —

The Directors took into Consideration, that Jos.
Brintnall, late Secretary, had faithfully served the Comp^y many
years, without any adequate Recompence for the same,
in gratitude for which they unanimously voted a Present
of £15 — to his Widow for the Use of his Family; and that his
Son George shall have the free Use of the Books in the Library
during Life; but that, during his Minority some Person
approved by the Directors sign Notes for him, and afterwards
he giving Notes, as is usual in like Cases. —

B. Franklin informed the Directors, that the
Rev^d Mr. Hugh Jones of Maryland had presented the Comp^y
with a valuable Book intitled *Reliquiae Godleianae*
and another entitled *Catalogus Universalis Librorum*,
in omni Facultate Linguaeque insignium & ra-
rissimorum & in 2 Vol^s. — Ordered, That the Thanks of
the Directors, in Behalf of the Company, be returned him
for his valuable Present.

B. Franklin's acc^t for Printing Receipts and
Advertisements amounting to 10/ being laid before the Directors
was allowed and ordered to be paid.

The Treasurer William Coleman produced his Account for the year past, whereby it appeared that a Balance of £1.3. remained due to him, which was allowed.

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The Widow Brintnall presented to the Company two Manuscripts, containing Records of the weather for several years past, and Remarks on grafting, Inoculating &c. together with a large Collection of Prints of Leaves of Plants growing near Philadelphia (all by our late Secretary) which were thankfully received. — B. Franklin was desired to act as Secretary at the Election. —

May 5th 1746 —

At a General Meeting of the Company at the Library Room according to public Notice duly given, pursuant to the Charter, to chuse Directors and a Treasurer, and to make the Fourteenth Annual Payment; the following Members were by a Majority of Votes chosen Directors and Treasurer for the ensuing Year viz.

Directors.

Benja. Franklin	* Lynford Lardner
Phillip Syng	Samuel Morris
* John Mefflin	Samuel Rhoads
Wan Morgan	* John Sober
* William Parsons	Joseph Stretch
William Coleman Treasurer	

V. B. Those marked thus [*] are new Ones, chose in the Room of four of the last year's Directors who declined serving again, viz. Thomas Hopkinson, on account of his living out of Town, by which it was inconvenient for him to attend; J. Jones, on account of his ill State of Health; Hugh Roberts and Jacob Duche, whose Business would not permit them to meet the Directors but seldom.

The yearly Payments were made by or for all the Members (some few excepted) of which the Treasurer has an account.

The Election being closed, the Directors met at the Widow Brintnall's — Robert Greenway was chosen Librarian in the Room of Wm Parsons who had declined, & is now a Director — Application was made in Behalf of Cris! Morris, that he might be admitted a Member, and to hold the Share of

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his Brother Samuel Norris, deceased. And he was approved of. —
The Directors were informed that the said Sam^l Norris had in his Will left to the Library a handsome Benefaction of £20. — And the Treasurer was ordered to receive the same of his Executors. —

The 12th of May 1746. —

At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors, present, all but E. Morgan, John Mifflin and Sam^l Morris. —

B. Franklin acquainted the Directors that he had received of the Treasurer a Set of Bills drawn by Allen & Turner for £10. — Sterls, of which he had sent two to Mr. Collinson one to Martin, the other via Maryland — That he had also received and sent to the Library, the Mag. for Aug. Sept. & Octo.

It was agreed, to order the Magazines not to be sent as they come out, but yearly. — And W^m Parsons undertook to provide against next Meeting, Bonds to be signed by the Treasurer and Librarian. — Ordered, That the Charter of the Company be printed by B^r Franklin.

The 9th of June 1746. —

At a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Breintnalls, no Business done. —

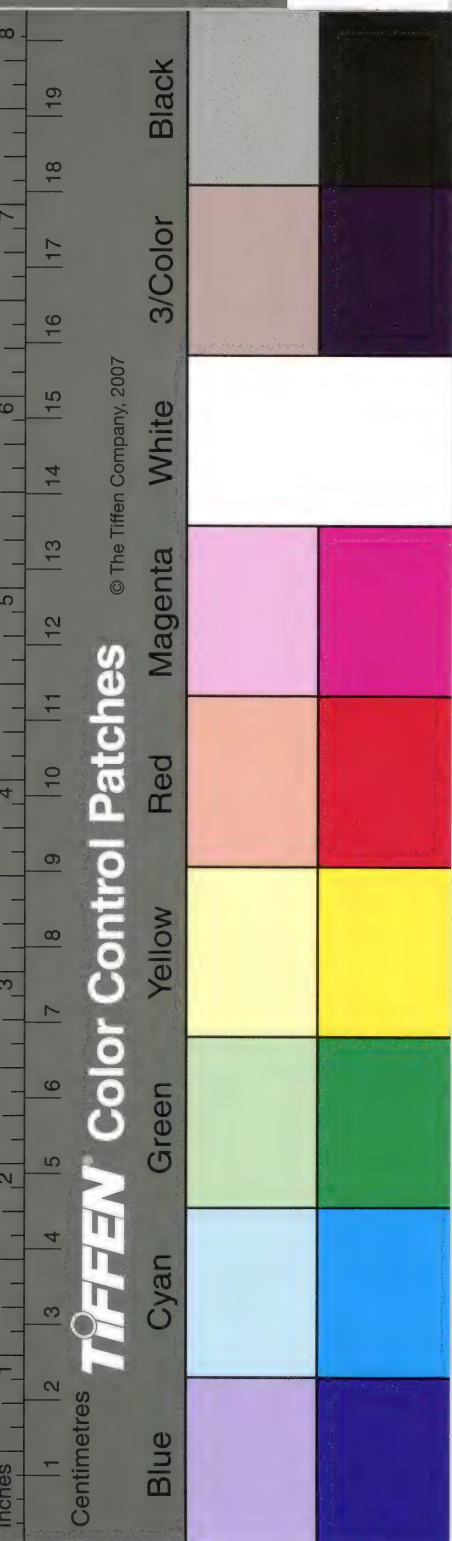
The 14th of July 1746. —

At a Meeting of Directors at the Widow Breintnalls.

Robert Greenway the Librarian was directed to furnish B^r Franklin with a copy of the Charter, for the Press — John Sober & Lynford Lardner were appointed to draw out a Catalogue of all the Books added to the Library, since the last Catalogue was printed, and deliver the same to B^r Franklin, who is directed to print it. —

The Committee appointed, the 13th of January last, to revise the Library Rules for lending Books &c and report what Alterations they think necessary to be made in the same, not having yet completed that Service, were now urged to do it speedily, and Sam^l Morris was added to them in the Room of Hugh Roberts. —

The Librarian was desired to forward the Writings to be signed by the Secy. & himself, which W. Parsons



thro' Hurry of other Busings had not yet prepared.

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The 11th of August 1746.

At a Meeting of Directors, at the usual Place, all were Present but Wm Parsons, S. Rhoads & T. Sober — Nothing done,

The 15th of September 1746.

At a Meeting of Directors, at the usual Place, were present J. Syng, J. Morris, B. Franklin & J. Stretch — No Business done —

The 13th of October 1746.

At a Meeting of Directors at the usual Place, present all but Lynford Lardner and John Myfflin —

Ordered, That the Laws of the Company be printed with the Charter.

Abel James, applying to be admitted a Member of the Company, was approved of, & allowed to purchase a Share.

A Letter from M^r. Collinson, with his acct. which came to Hand lately with a Trunk of new Books for the Library, was laid before the Directors and read.

Ordered, That John Sober & E. Morgan collect among the Members the Sum of £15. — to make up the Money in the Treasurer's Hands sufficient to buy a Bill of Exchange that may discharge the Ballance due from the Comp^y to M^r. Collinson,

An Account from John Haines Joiner, of Shelves & Boxes made for the Library, was laid before the Directors — Ordered, that the Treasurer pay him £4. — in Part; and that his acct. be compared with other ^{former} Accounts against next Meeting, it being thought he has over charged some Articles.

The Committee appointed for that Purpose laid before the Directors a Draught of a set of Rules to be observed in the Library relating to the lending of Books &c which were read, considered, amended, and agreed to — Ordered, that a fair Copy be made of the said Rules, and the same put up in the Library in open view.

November 1746.

Some few of the Directors met, but no Business was done.

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No Business was done, but few Directors appearing —

The 12th of January 1747. —
 At a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Breint-
 Janu. 1747 nalls, a Quorum being present Application was made for
 admitting Joseph Wharton and James Wood Ju^r to become
 Members of the Company, and they were approved of and
 allowed to purchase Shares accordingly. — John Sober
 was desired to speak with Secretary Peters, to know whether
 Leave might be obtained, to fence in an additional Piece
 of the Propr^y Ground with the Library Lot, during the
 Pleasure of the Propr^y. —

It appearing, by comparing Accounts, that John
 Haynes had charged the Company higher than usual for
 work done of the same kind, and he refusing to abate of
 his Demand; Ordered, That B. Franklin & S. Rhoads pro-
 pose to him to have the Work viewed and valued by indifferent
 Persons. —

February 9th 1747. —

At a Meeting of Directors at the usual Place.

M^r. Sober reported, that he had spoken with the
 Secretary who gave a Ticket to the Surveyor General to
 inspect the contiguous Ground and return it by Metes &
 Bounds, that a proper Entry might be made of the Appli-
 cation, and a Mem^o drawn to be signed by the Governor
 as Commissioner of Reports. —

S. Rhoads & B. Franklin reported, that John
 Haynes having named Jos. Watkins as one to whose judg-
 ment he would submit the Value of his work, they
 agreed to leave entirely to him; who on viewing & measu-
 ring the Work struck off a Part of the Bill, and the same
 was accordingly settled —

The 9th of March 1747. —

At a Meeting of the Directors at the usual Place,
 Present all but Lybford Lardner, W. Parsons & S. Morris.

Application being made in Behalf of Sam:
 Swift, who desired to become a Member of the Company,
 he was approved of and allowed to purchase John
 Langdale's Share, now to be disposed of —

Ordered that the Library Rules be printed at

the End of the Catalogue. —

B. Franklin informed the Directors that he had sent March a Bill to Peter Collinson drawn on A. Oliver for £47. Sterling, which 1747. was bought of Mr. ~~Oliver~~ who had been paid by the Treas. £66. 5. — in part for the same. There being no Bill to be had for just the Ballance due to M^r. Collinson,

The 13th of April 1747. —

At a meeting of Directors at the usual Place, the Treas. produced his account for the Year past, which was read & approved by all present, who accordingly signed it.

May the 4th 1747. —

At a general meeting at the Library Room according to Notice publicly given, pursuant to the Charter to chuse a Treasurer and Directors and make the 15th Annual Payment. The same Persons who served in those Offices last Year were re-chosen: and the Payments were complied with by most of the Members. —

May 11th 1747. —

B. Franklin's Account, amounting to £10. 18. 0 was allowed and ordered to be paid. — P. Syng, S. Morris B. Franklin and Joseph Stretch appointed to review the Books &c.

June 1747. —

Nothing done, Fault of Members. —

The 13th of July 1747. —

All present, except M^r. Lardner, M^r. Morris & M^r. Morgan

The Committee appointed in May last to examine the Books report, that they have done the same, and that the following Books are wanting: viz. —

Collection of Voyages, Vol. 4th —

Medicina Statica 12^{mo} —

Epitome of the whole Art of War

Philosophical Epitaphs

Pope & Swift's Miscellanies. Vol. 5th

Treatise on Fart Water

Essay on Conduct of the Passions

Account of the Settlement of Virginia

Clarke's Motion of Fluids

Burnet's Letters. —

La Fausette de Vertus hum.

Pope's Miscellanies 1st Vol. —

Cicero's Cato Major.

Mystery of Jesuitism

Persons Varieties

Vertot's Revolutions of Sweden

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Philips's Pastorals
A Chronicle Ecclesiastical and
Civil, said in the Catalogue to
be 2 Vol., there's but one to be found

Cambray's Tables.

History of the Inquisition said to
be 2 Vol. — they are bound in One
Boyle's Philosophical Works.

B. Franklin acquainted the Directors that H. Prat
had given the following Books, Viz. — Discourse of Logomachy's
Essay upon the probable Methods of making a People Gainers in
the Ballance of Trade, English Historical Library by Nicholson.

B. Franklin received a Letter from the Proprietor Tho^t
Penn Esq^r with a compleat Electrical Apparatus, which were recd.
Ordered, That J. Lober, W. Coleman, & B. Franklin write an
Answer to the same — And Order was drawn on the Treas^r
for paying M^r Lober the Ballance due to him for the Bill of
Exchange, being £

August 1747.

William Logan proposed and allowed to be a Member.
Robert Hopkins proposed and allowed also. — Ordered, That
Lewis Evans, who desires to sell his share, transfer to W. Logan.

The 14th of Sept. 1747.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer for Payment
of £23. 11. 3 Ballance due to M^r Lober for Bill of Exchange.

J. Lober, W. Coleman & B. Franklin reported that
they had wrote a Letter of Thanks to the Proprietor, according
to the Order of July last, a Copy of which follows viz. —

"For" To the Hon^{ble} Thomas Penn Esq^r.

"We embrace this Opportunity of acknowledging
"the Honour done us in your Letter by Capt^t Mesnard and the
"Receipt of your kind Present of an Electrical Apparatus —
"which gave us a Satisfaction so much the greater, as it is
"a Confirmation, that at this Distance of Time and Place,
"we are remembered by you with the same Regard which you
"have from the first testified by such repeated Instances of your
"Bounty. — We are under a Difficulty for Terms new or signi-
"ficant enough to convey a proper Acknowledgement, but hope
"it may be done in the best Manner by putting your Present
"to the Use intended. And some of our Members who employ



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"themselves in such Researches may, by it Assistance, shew
 Sept^r 1747. "that this fresh Mark of your Favour has been judiciously, as
 well as generously bestowed upon
 "Philadelphia?
 "July 29th 1747." } "Your most obliged &c. —

Articles were executed between the Directors and the Librarian —

[The Minutes of the Directors from September 1747, to November 1748 are not to be found.]

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November 7th 1748. —

At a Meeting of the Directors at H. Trats' Present: P. Morris, E. Morgan, P. Syng, J. M., & B. Franklin —

It being mentioned that the Widow Preinshall desired to sell her Husband's Share; and where as, by a Vote of the Directors, May 3^d 1746, he Son George (in Consideration of his Father's Services) was allowed to enjoy that Share and have the free Use of the Books, without making the usual yearly Payments, during his Life; of which Advantage he will be deprived if the said Share be sold; the Directors, taking the same into Consideration, agreed unanimously, that, tho' the said Share be sold, out of the Family, yet the said George shall continue to enjoy the free Use of the Books, he giving such Notes from time to time, or some Friend for him, as shall be satisfactory to the Librarian, or to the Directors for the time being, and the said Share when sold, is hereafter to pay yearly as usual. —

It being mentioned that Buckridge Sims desired to be admitted a Member, he was approved of. — W^m Bingham is admitted a Member; and allowed to enjoy the Share of his Brother James Bingham — Aes Meredith is also allowed to be a Member.

Ordered, That the Treas^r purchase a Bill with the Money in his Hands, & remit it to M^r. Collinson.

December 1748. —

Judithiah Snowden admitted. — J. Lober to Coleman and B. Franklin appointed to write a Letter of Thanks to the Proprietary for the Telescope and Books. They are informed he has sent them. —

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The 9th of January 1749. —
 Lists of the Popes ordered to be subscribed for. —
 Janu^y. B. Franklin to get a Partition made in the outer Room of
 1749 the Library — D^r Farmer admitted — Catalogue to be for-
 med next Meeting. —

The 13th of February 1749. —
 B. Loxley admitted and allowed to purchase Tobias
 Griscom's share. Present. J. Mifflin, P. Lyng, J. Morris, E. Morgan,
 J. Rhoads & B. Franklin — B. Franklin's Account amount^g.
 to £6.5.7 for making the Partition in the Library Room, referred
 to J. Rhoads, & J. Morris, who are to order Payment of what they
 find due —

Samuel Neave proposed and allowed to purchase
 Widow Pratt's share — Nat: Allen Jun^r allowed to borrow Books
 on the Widow Coates's Notes, so long as he complies with the Rules.
 Ordered, That the Secretary notify the Treasurer & Librarian
 of Admittances and Apignments —

The Secretary acquainted the Directors with several
 late Donations. — Ordered, That the Secretary thank the Donors
 in the Name of the Company —

March 1749. —
 M^r Morgan was added to the Committee for writing
 a Letter of Thanks to the Proprietor. —

April 10th 1749. —
 Isaac Griffiths proposed and admitted —
 Ordered, That the next Election be advertised tomorrow —
 Ordered, That Jacob Duché, Joseph King, Ewan Morgan, J. Rhoads,
 or any two of them, revise the Books in the Library, and exa-
 mine them by the Catalogue, & report thereon at the next
 Meeting. —

The 8th of May 1749
 At a Meeting at the Widow Pratt's. Present. all the
 Directors Treasurer & Secretary —
 Ordered, That a Bill be purchased with the Ballance
 now in the Treasurer's Hands & remitted by the first Oppor-
 tunity to England to M^r Collinson —
 William Coleman Treasurer produced his
 Accounts for two years past, which were read & examined

and allowed, and are as follows; viz^t

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1747 April 13.	To Ballance of account settled L ² -	1747 Apr. 21	By Cash for C. Read's paymt. & fine -	L ¹ 10 ⁰ -
May 14.	To Cash p ^d B. Franklin's Order -	10.18	& for his paymt. due in May -	10 ⁰ -
Sept. 15.	To Cash p ^d J. Soler Bull: on B. of Exch. 23.11.3		May 4. By D ^r for paymt. of 60 Members -	30. 0. 0
1748 May 2	To Cash p ^d B. Franklin's Order -	2. 10. 0	My own paymt. -	0. 10. 0
	To D ^r to William Parsons -	16. 10. 0	which with the 27 payments made	
Nov. 5 1748	To my Billon D. Barclay, L ¹⁰ , at 67 ¹ / ₂ N ^t Cent. -	67 ¹ / ₂	and credited in October last C. Read's above	
Feb. 15	To Cash p ^d B. Loxley's Order -	6. 5. 7	J. Bond & G. Brintnall excused & Tobias	
1749 May 4	To Cash p ^d J. Godfrey's Rec ^t -	0. 3. 0	Griscom still due, makes the 92 Mem.	
8	To Cash p ^d B. Franklin for Rec ^t -	0. 10. 0	May 6. By Cash of A. Taylor for a Share -	9. 10. 0
	To Cash p ^d J. Syng for cleaning	10. 0	Jan. 22 By D ^r of R. Whistler -	9. 10
	and repairing the air pump		1748 Mar. 2 By D ^r for paymt. of 89 Mem. -	44. 10. 0
		L ¹²⁷ 17. 10	My own D ^r -	0. 10. 0
	D ^r Ballance due to Comp ^y -	82. 2. 2	6 By Cash of G. Emlen for a Share -	10. 0. 0
			16 By D ^r of Ab. Claypoole -	10. 0. 0
			July 7 By D ^r of W. Peters, paymt. & fine -	0. 15. 0
			Dec. 14 By D ^r of J. Snowden for a Share -	10. 0. 0
			Jun. 19 By D ^r of Buck. Sims for D ^r -	10. 0. 0
			31 By D ^r of J. Green's paymt. & fine -	1. 5. 0
			Feb. 10 By D ^r of Bess Meredith for a Share -	10. 0. 0
			Mar. 20 By D ^r of C. Read's paymt. & fine -	1. 10. 0
			1749 Apr. 29 By D ^r of J. Griffiths for a Share -	10. 0. 0
			May 2 By D ^r for 96 Shares -	48. 0. 0
			My own -	0. 10. 0
			which with G. Brintnall's excused, &	
			G. Emlen, D. Harrison & J. Peters imp ^t	
			makes 101 Shares now on the list -	L ²¹⁰ 0. 0

Philad^a May 8th 1749 Errors excepted
W^m Coleman

The 12th of June 1749.
At a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Pratt's Press.
all, except John Mifflin & Evan Morgan
The Committee appointed to examine the Books

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of the Library and compare them with the Catalogues.
Report that sundry Books are wanting, and sundry others
want Binding — Ordered, That a List of the Books missing
be delivered to the Librarian, that he may enquire after them.
And that the Books which want binding, be bound as soon as
possible, which the same Committee is desired to see done.

The Secretary reported that he had a Letter from
M. Collinson informing that the Comp^d Bill of L^ost Wash^g? —
and carried to the Credit of their Account —

Ordered, that M. Collinson be desired to send again
the Books & that are lost, in Mesnard

M. Hopkinson undertook to endeavour to procure
such Magazines as are wanting. —

Resolved, To Meet next Monday Night and bring
Materials for a Catalogue. —

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1750.

The 14th of May 1750.

The Directors Met all but Samuel Morris —

William Coleman's Acc^t settled Ballance due L^y 2. 2. —

Rob^t Greenway's Acc^t settled Ballance due L^y 2. —

Amos Strettle & Cha^s Morris & Abel James appointed
to revise the Books, & compare them with the Catalogues —
John Bouse admitted to buy W^m Maugridge's Share. —

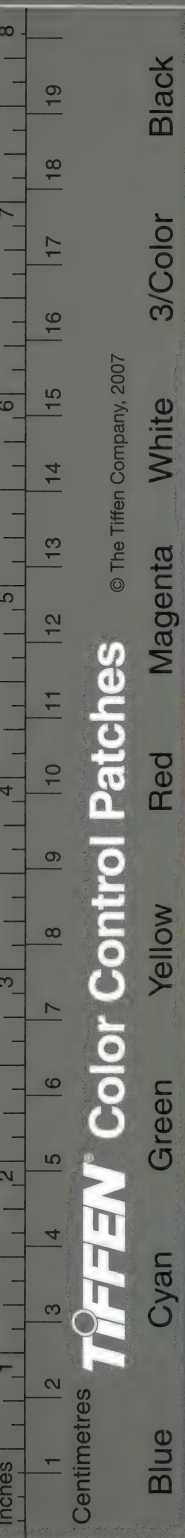
The 11th of June 1750.

At a Meeting of Directors at the Widow Pratt's
absent only C. Morris, T. Francis & S. Morris. —

Townsend White & Ja^s Humphries being proposed
to be admitted Members were approved of and allowed to pur-
chase C. Irons Holt's & Joseph Peter's Share. — Joseph Hatton's
Attorney, if duly empowered, is allowed to sell his Share to
Abraham Mason — Thomas Godfrey's Representative allowed
to transfer that Share to Joseph Godfrey. —

Ordered, that the Books be new numbered, beginning
at N^o 1 for Folios, the like for Quartos &c & a new Catalogue
made accordingly — the Charge to be paid. —

[All the following Minutes lost to Sept^r 1750]



The 10th of Sept. 1750.

At a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Pratt's, present
Sept. 1750. all but John Mifflin.

The Secretary laid before the Directors an Invoice of Books and Instruments lately received from Mr. Collinson amounting to £23.2.3.

Ordered, That the Books in the Library be new numbered, beginning N^o 1. in the Folios, & the like in Quartos, Octavos & 12^{mo}. Mr. Greenway undertook to do it, and is to be paid for doing it, & for making a new Catalogue.

The Directors were informed that Isaac Williams and Joseph Peters's Shares were to be sold.

The 8th of October 1750.

Absent John Mifflin, Tench Francis & Cha^s. Norris. —
Mr. Moode allowed to purchase Joshua Pichey's Share.

November 5th 1750. —

At a Meeting of Directors at the Widow Pratt's present all but Evan Morgan, John Mifflin and Tench Francis. —

Daniel Williams admitted to purchase Isaac Williams's Share in the Library. —

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1751.

The 11th of February 1751. —

At a Meeting of Directors at the Widow Roberts's, present Jos: Stretch, Evan Morgan, Amos Stettel, Charles Norris, Samuel Rhoads, Benjamin Franklin & Philip Syng. —

Agreed, to admit Capt. Elwes to purchase a Share.

The Gentlemen appointed to examine the Books report, that they find all the Books there, except Pope's Miscellany Vol. 1st N^o 20. — Pope & Swift's Miscellany's Vol. 5. N^o 109. — Historia Literaria Vol. 2^a N^o 257. — Arbuthnot of his N^o 343. — Dupin's Ecclesiastical History Vol. 1st N^o 461. — Description of Greenland N^o 484. —

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The 10th of June 1751. —

At a Meeting of Directors at the Widow Pratt's, Present, all but Tench Francis, Charles Norris & Evan Morgan. —

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Samuel Mifflin admitted to purchase Thomas
Burgeff's Share —

Ordered, That the Books be new numbered and cata-
logued, the Folios, Quartos, Octavos & Twelves, each to be
numbered by themselves. —

The 8th of July 1751. —

At a Meeting of Directors at the Widow Pratts,
Pres^t all but Tench Francis, Sam: Morris & Amos Hettel —
The Librarian exhibited his Account to the 6th of
May last, which was allowed and an Order drawn on the
Treasurer for the Ballance due to him being £4. 3. 1. —
[all the ensuing minutes lost to]

1752.

May the 4th 1752. —

At a General Meeting of the Library Company the
following Persons were chosen Directors for the ensuing
Year. V^r:

Directors

Richard Peters	Evan Morgan
Sam: Rhoads	Philip Syng. —
Sam: Morris	J. Cadwallader
B. Franklin	Amos Hettel
John Mifflin	Jacob Duché —

William Coleman Treas^r —

At a Meeting of the old Directors V^r Cha: Norris,
Jn: Mifflin, Sam: Rhoads, Phil: Syng, J. Morris & B. Franklin
The Acct^s of the Treasurer were settled, and a Bal-
lance found due to the Company of £103. 2. 11½. —

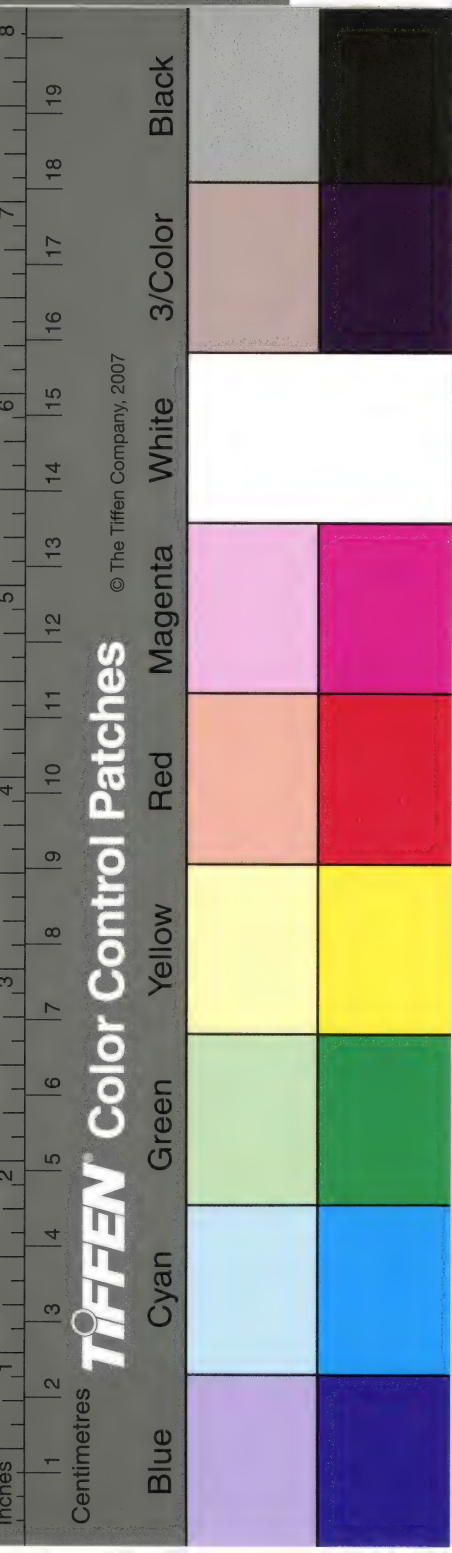
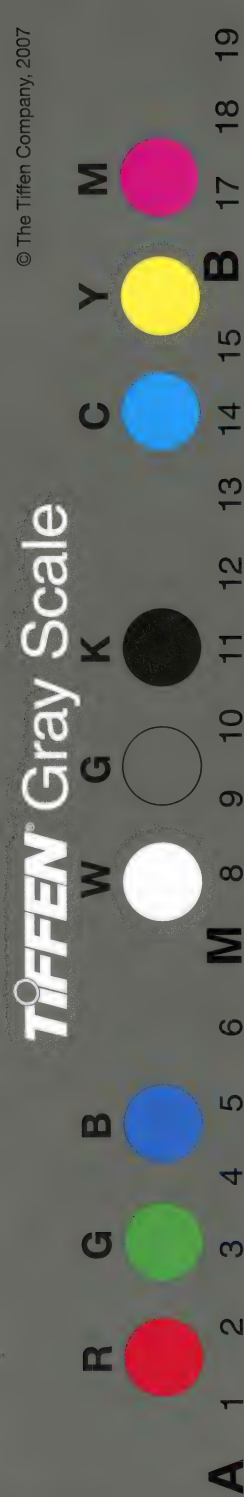
Thomas Crosby & Jonathan Evans allowed to
purchase the Shares of Isaac Griffiths and John Read. —

The 11th of May 1752. —

Directors all met, except Rich: Peters. —

Francis Allison admitted to purchase Alex^r
Graydon's Share, Atwood Shoot one of the Executors of
Anthony Nichols, is admitted to take out Books on Acct^t
of said Nichols's Share, giving his Note —

Ordered. That John Mifflin & D. Cadwallader be a
Committee to examine the Books of the Library and com-
pare them with the Catalogues, and that they bind up



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all such valuable Pamphlets as are in the Library, and
get the Magazines compleated and bound.

Ordered, That Notice be sent to our Correspondent, to
send the Magazines only yearly and bound.

Ordered, That Application be made to the Secretary
for a Patent for our Lot.

Proposed, that more than one Book be allowed to be
taken out at one Time — Referred to farther Consideration
at next Meeting. — Adjourned to Monday Fortnight.

[all the ensuing Minutes lost to]

The 13th of November 1752.

M. Peters laid before the Directors a noble Present
of antient Medals, to the Library from M^r Grey Member
of Parliament for Colchester — And M^r Peters with D^r
Cadwallader are desired to write him a Letter of Thanks.

B. Franklin acquainted the Directors that the Books
last sent for were arrived, Value £50. — Sterling.

[all the ensuing Minutes are lost to]

1753.

The 8th of January 1753.

At a Meeting of Directors at the Widow Pratts. pres^t:
R. Peters, Wan Morgan, J. Rhoads, J. Syng, J. Morris, J. Cadwallader,
W^m Coleman.

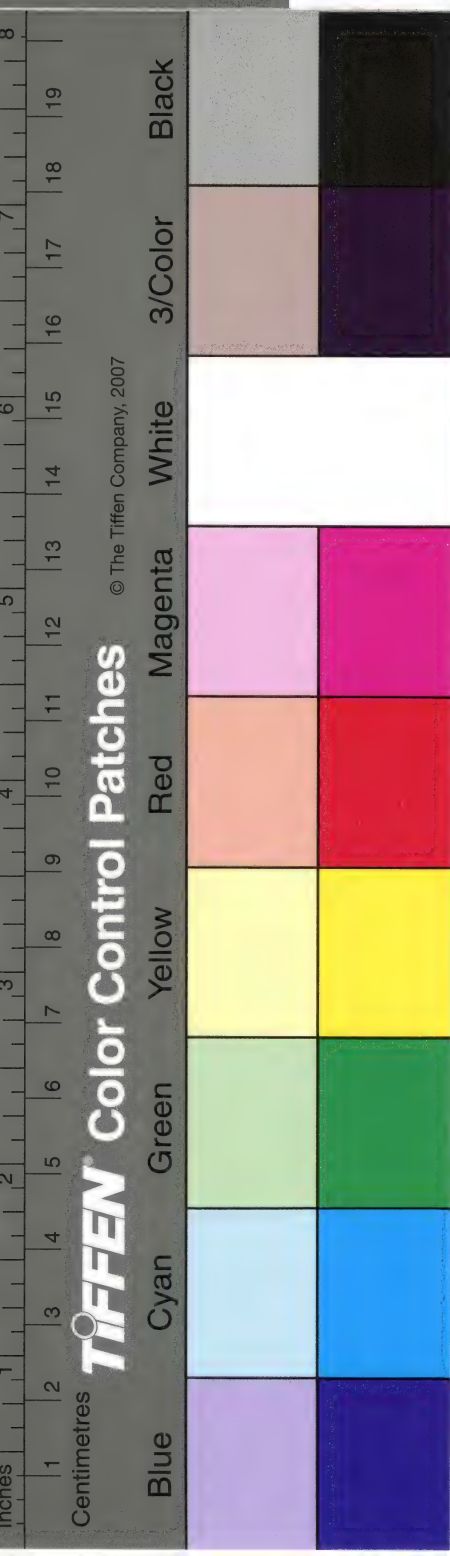
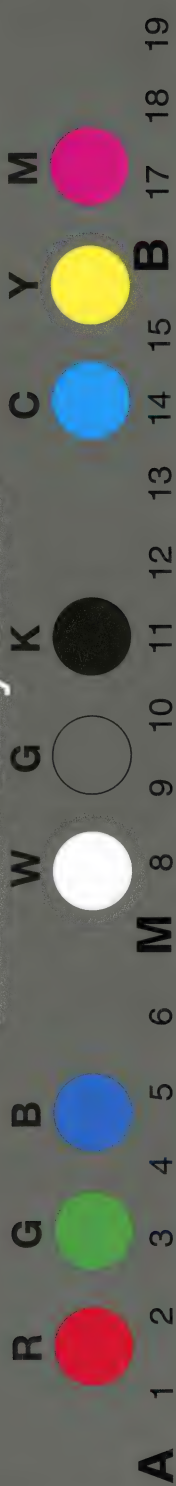
Resolved, — That the Librarian may for the future
lend to one Person at one Time 2 Vol^s Octavo, 3 in 12^{mo} & 4 Pam-
phlets, provided they have been in the Library at least
Twelve Months.

Ordered, That R. Peters & B. Franklin wait upon
John Penn Esq^r with the Compl^{ts} of the Directors, and request
him to do them the Honour of accepting the Privilege, now
unanimously voted of the free Use of the Library, during his
Residence in this Country.

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The 8th of December 1753.

Received into the Library N^o D^r Conduict. — Hanway's Tra-
vels, 1 Vol^s — Spirit of the Laws 2 Vol^s — True Spirit of the Laws —
Journal from Cairo to Sinai — Rimeus's Herakutism. Voyage to Peru.



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The 10th of December 1753. —
 at a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Pratt's pret.
 Decem^r Th. Syng, D.^r Cadwallader, R. Peters, S. Morris, Evan Morgan
 1753 B. Franklin & the Librarian —

Ordered, That the Secretary procure a complete set of the Laws of all the British Colonies for the Library; and that the Treasurer furnish him with the Money that shall be necessary for that Purpose. —

Ordered, That Evan Morgan, Amos Stettel, John Mifflin & Jacob Duché, or any two of them, examine the Books & compare them with the Catalogues, & fit the Catalogue for the Press before the next Meeting. —
 [all the ensuing minutes are lost to]

1754.

The 11th of February 1754. —
 at a Meeting of the Directors of the Library, present
 Th. Syng, Hugh Roberts, Evan Morgan, Th. Cadwallader
 S. Rhoads, J. Stretch, In^o Mifflin & B. Franklin. —

David Franks applying to be admitted a Member, it was unanimously agreed to. —
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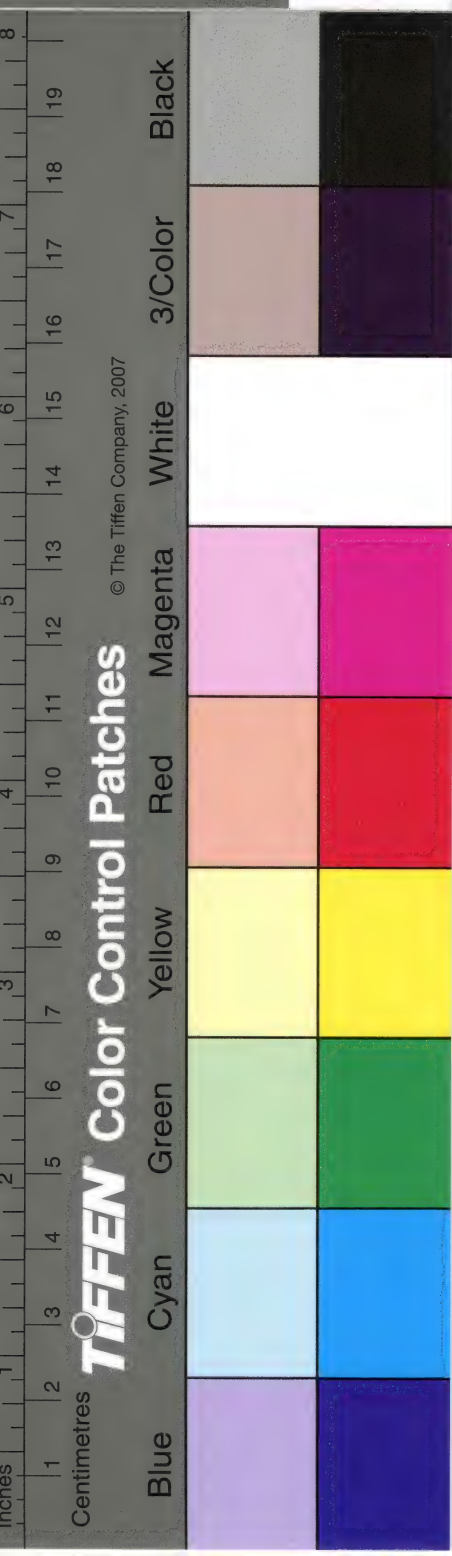
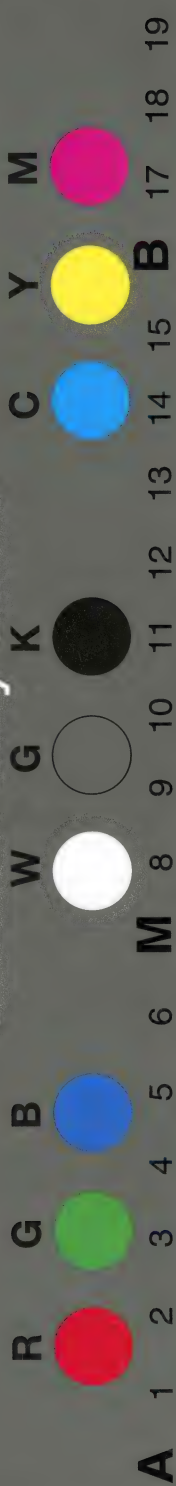
The 12th of May 1755. —
 at a Meeting of the Directors of the Library, pret.
 Jos. Stretch, Amos Stettel, R. Peters, S. Rhoads, S. Morris,
 In^o Mifflin, Th. Cadwallader, Evan Morgan, B. Franklin
 with the Treasurer & Librarian

W^m Coleman Treasurer presented his acct^s which were examined and approved. —

M^r Greenway Librarian presented his account, which was allowed and an order issued for the Payment of the Ballance, amounting to £22^{..} 1^{..} 6. —
 [all the ensuing minutes are lost to]

The 6th of December 1755. —

Rob^t Greenway received into the Library — Johnson's Dict^y 2 Vol. Folio. — Hakluyt's Voyages 2 Vol. Folio — Murray on Ship-building 4^{to} — Shuckford on Creation & Fall of Man 8^{vo} — Analysis of Bolingbroke's Philos. Works 8^{vo}. — Brief State of Pennsylvania — Answer to Brief State of Pennsylv^a. —



[All the ensuing Minutes are lost to]

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The 9th of May 1757.

At a Meeting of the Directors of the Library Company.
Present. Samuel Morris, Francis Allison, Joseph Stretch, Tho.^r Cadwallader, Samuel Rhoads, Evan Morgan & Phil: Syng. —

Joseph Stretch, Samuel Morris & Philip Syng, who were present at the last Election on the 2^d Inst.^t report, that Rich^d Peters, John Wiffelin, Amos Stettel & Philip Syng with the other Persons above mention were duly elected Directors for the year ensuing, and Joseph Morris Treasurer —

William Coleman exhibited his account, which was examined and signed by the Directors present, the Ballance in his Hands due to the Company being £46⁸ 2¹/₂ —

Sam: Morris & Evan Morgan were appointed a Committee to prepare a Bond in the usual Form, and to get it executed by the new Treasurer — they are likewise required, if they can find where the late Treasurer's Bond is lodged, to deliver it up, on his paying the Ballance now in his Hands, pursuant to the Order of the Directors. —

W^m. Allison at the Request of the Company consented to take the Minutes of the Directors for the current year, the new Treasurer being to provide a Book for that purpose, and to charge it to the Company. —

The 13th of July 1757. —
At a Meeting of the Directors
Present

Joseph Stretch Evan Morgan
Samuel Rhoads Samuel Morris
Amos Stettel Francis Allison

Mess^{rs} Morgan & Morris report that they had endeavoured to procure the Books and Papers belonging to the Library which were lodged with W^m. Franklin but had not yet obtained them. — the Order is continued — They are also requested to take Care that the present Treasurer give his Bond to the Directors, and that they give up his Bond to W^m. Coleman the late Treasurer, if it can be found — The Directors being informed that some Books sent from London for the Library were in the Hands of W^m.

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Dunlap, sent to him for the Catalogue but could not obtain it as he was gone to Lancaster. Messrs Morris & Morgan are requested to receive the Books and deposit them in the Library and bring the Catalogue to the next Meeting of Directors.

The 11th of July 1757. —

At a Meeting of Directors at the Widow Biddles
Present.

Richard Peters	Joseph Hetch
Evan Morgan	Philip Syng
Tho ^l Cadwallader	Amos Hethel
Samuel Rhoads	Samuel Morris

By appointment of the Directors Evan Morgan and Sam^l Morris having received from Deborah Franklin the Company's Books of Records & Minutes with sundry Papers produced them to the Board which Books & Papers are ordered into the Care of Philip Syng till next Meeting. —

And order was drawn on W^m Coleman late Treas^r. to pay the Ballance in his Hands to Joseph Morris the present Treasurer, which being done said W^m Coleman's Bond is to be delivered up to him by Messrs Morgan & Morris. —

A Receipt was produced to the Directors by W^m Coleman for the following Books delivered by him at the Library, vizt: —

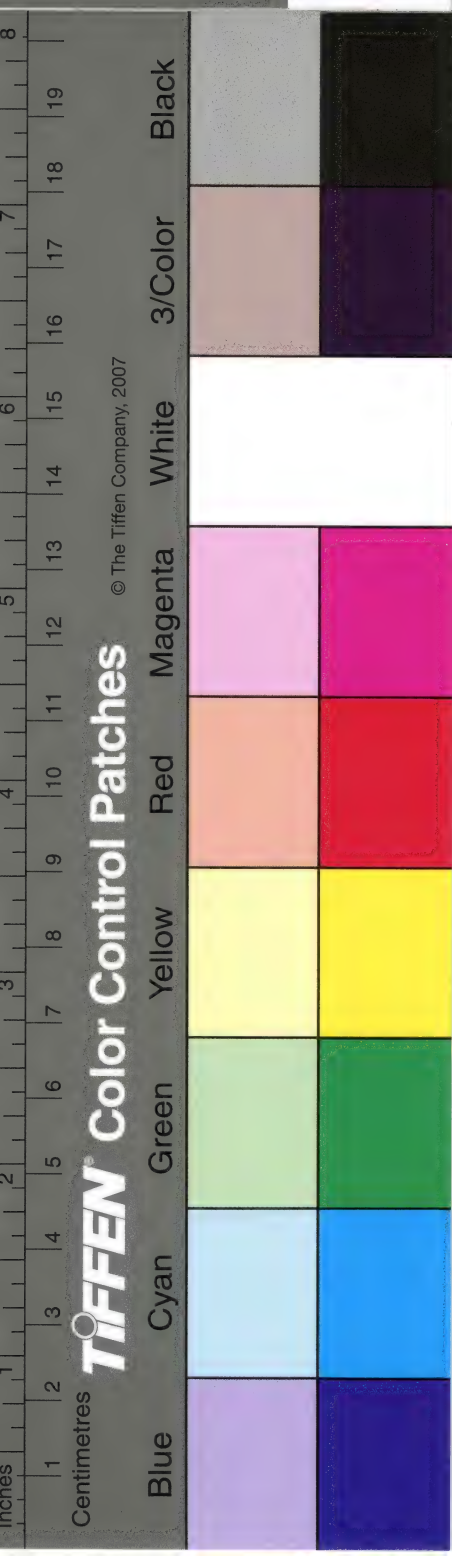
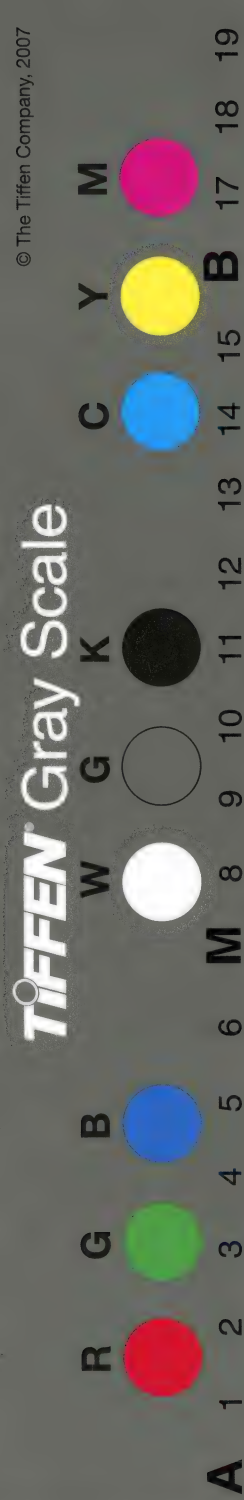
- Sheridan on Education —
 - Hatter's Pathological Observations
 - Heathcoate on the Use of Reason,
 - The Target, a Military Treatise 4th
 - Lister Husbandry. — 2
 - Hist^y of the East Indies. 2 Vols. 8^{vo}
- which Rec^t was returned to W^m Coleman

The 8th of August 1757. —

at a Meeting of the Directors at the Widow Biddles
Present.

Samuel Morris	Evan Morgan
Samuel Rhoads	Francis Allison

The Directors being informed that another Parcel of Books from London are now in the Hands of W^m Franklin



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August 1757. they request Messrs Morris & Morgan to wait on her, and to receive them, and to deposite them in the Library, and to bring the Catalogue of them to the next Meeting. — The Order given June 13th with respect to some Books then arrived is still continued — They report that the Order for obtaining the Treasurer's Bond is fulfilled. —

The 12th of September
At a Meeting of the Directors of the Library Comp^y —
Present —

Joseph Stretch Ewan Morgan
Samuel Rhoads Samuel Morris. —

Joseph Morris Treasurer delivered to the Directors his Bond executed by himself and his Surety Samuel Morris for his faithful Discharge of the Office of Treasurer, which is ordered to be delivered into the Hands of Thos^l Lyng to be deposited among the other Papers belonging to the Library Company in his Hands —

Ordered, That Rob^t Greenway the Librarian (who is now present) shall attend at the next meeting with the Lists of the two last Parcels of Books lately received by Deb^t Franklin for the Library. —

Samuel Rhoads is desired to wait on Rich^d Peters to procure from him the Draught of a Letter signed by the Directors to be sent to B. Franklin, in order to be entered on our Minutes.

The 10th of October 1757. —
At a Meeting of the Directors. —
Present —

Richard Peters Joseph Stretch
Thos^l Cadwallader Samuel Rhoads —
Samuel Morris Ewan Morgan

John Bringham, lately admitted to the Share & Interest of Thos^l Gosby in the Library, applying to the Directors for a Certificate of his Admission hath it granted. — Rob^t Greenway not attending with the Lists of the Books according to the last Meeting's Minutes, Sam^l Rhoads is desired to call upon him for them and to bring them to the next Meeting; he likewise desired again to wait on Rich^d Peters (who, he reports, he could not meet with before) for the Draught of the Letter mentioned in the Minute of last Meeting. —

The Governor having, at a former Meeting, by Mr. Peters, Octob.~ requested a Catalogue of our Books to be sent him, Evan Morgan informs the Directors that he sent him a Catalogue by 1757 Jacob Duché, for which he returned the Directors his Thanks.

The 14th of November 1757—
At a Meeting of the Directors
Present

Richard Peters	Joseph Stretch
Sam. ^r Morris	Tho. ^r Badwallader
Sam. ^r Rhoads	Philip Syng
Evan Morgan	Francis Alison

with Jos.^r Morris Treasurer

The Directors agree, that the Treasurer purchase a Bill of Exchange for £50.— Currency, and order him to do so as soon as he can conveniently, while Exchange is low, and send it to Mr. Collinson at London, to be disposed of for Books, as he and Mr. Franklin shall direct. — They also approve Mr. David Franks as a Member of the Company — and order that he pay his Money to the Treasurer —

Tho.^r Badwallader applied in behalf of Mr. Charles Foxe to be admitted a Member, which was allowed. —

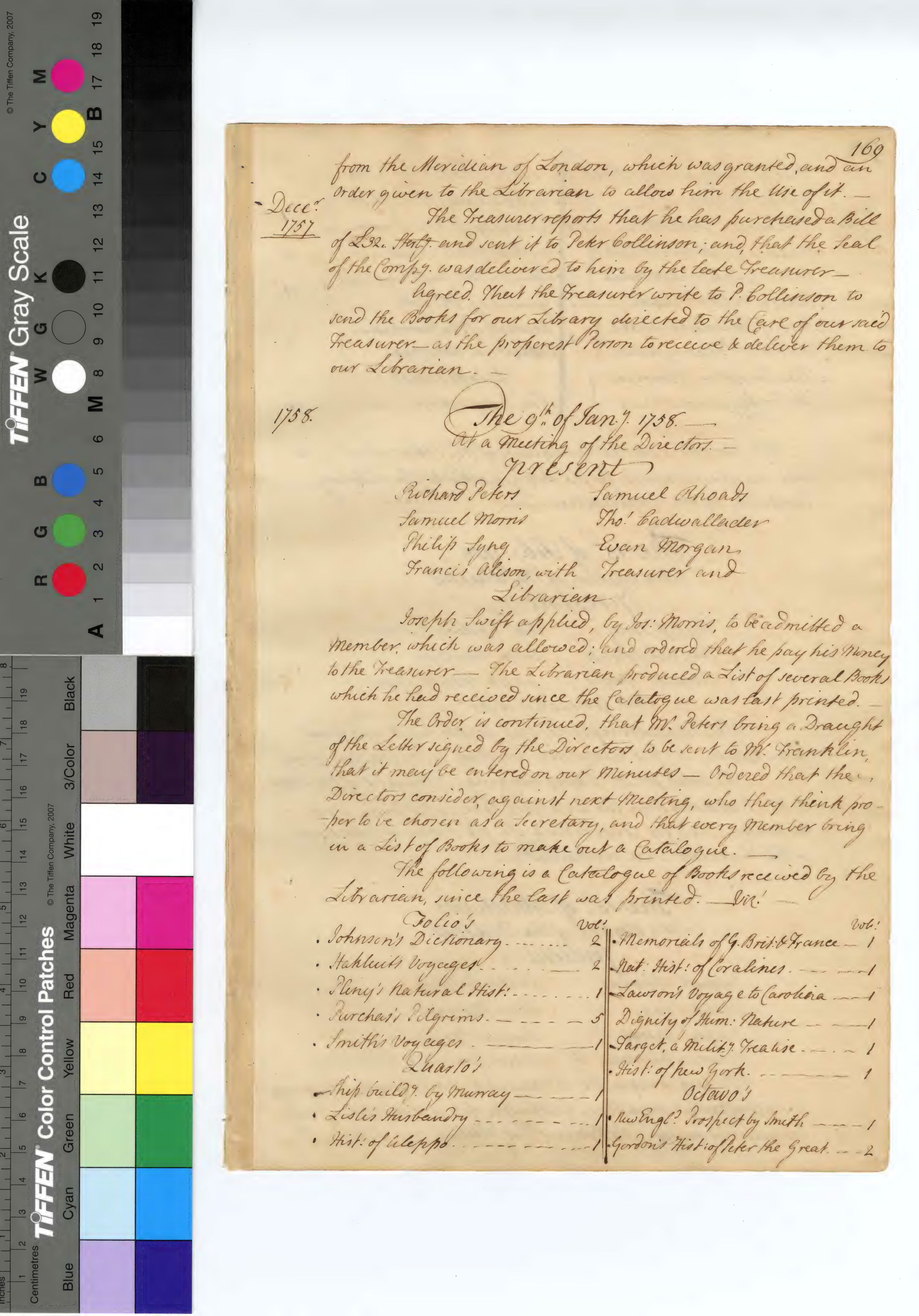
The Treasurer reports that Mr. W^m Coleman (the late Treas.^r) paid him £46. 8. 2½ — the Ballance remaining in his Hands — and that he gave him up his Bond. — Ordered, That the Treas.^r enquire after the Company's Seal and take it into his Custody. —

The 12th of Decem^r. 1757. —
At a Meeting of the Directors
Present

Rich. ^r Peters	Samuel Morris
Sam. ^r Rhoads	Tho. ^r Badwallader
Philip Syng	Joseph Stretch
Amos Stetzel	Francis Alison

Joseph Morris Treasurer

Mr. Nicholas Scull petitioned the Directors to be allowed the use of the large reflecting Telescope for four Months, to make some Observations in order to fix the Longitude of this Place



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from the Meridian of London, which was granted, and an order given to the Librarian to allow him the use of it. —

The Treasurer reports that he has purchased a Bill of £32. Half. and sent it to Peter Collinson; and that the Seal of the Comp^y. was delivered to him by the late Treasurer —

Agreed. That the Treasurer write to P. Collinson to send the Books for our Library directed to the Care of our said Treasurer — as the properest Person to receive & deliver them to our Librarian. —

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The 9th of Jan^y. 1758. —
At a Meeting of the Directors. —
present

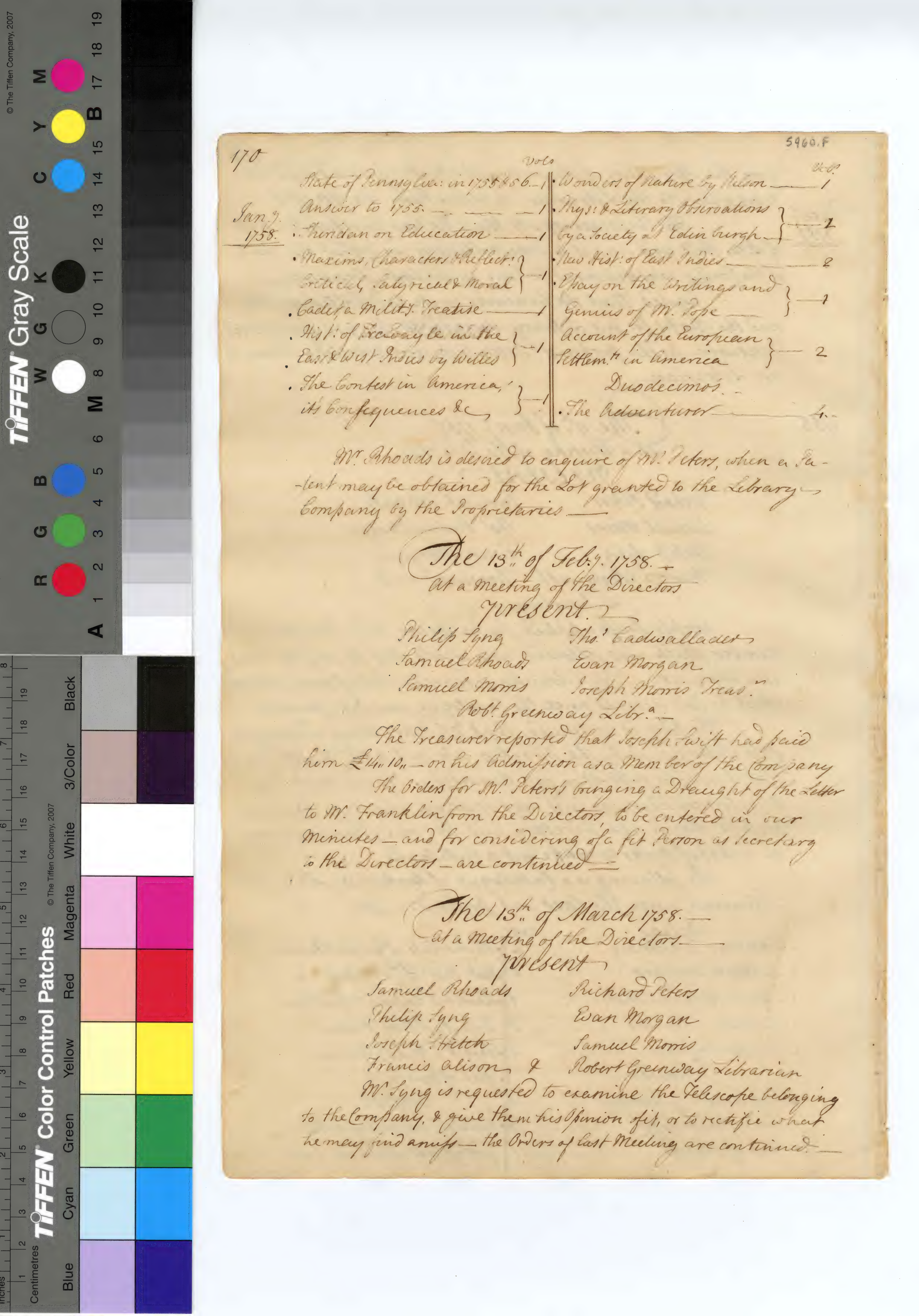
Richard Peters Samuel Rhoads
Samuel Morris Tho^s. Badwallader
Philip Syng Evan Morgan
Francis Alison, with Treasurer and Librarian

Joseph Swift applied, by Jos: Morris, to be admitted a Member, which was allowed; and ordered that he pay his Money to the Treasurer — The Librarian produced a List of several Books which he had received since the Catalogue was last printed. —

The Order is continued, that M^r. Peters bring a Draught of the Letter signed by the Directors to be sent to M^r. Franklin, that it may be entered on our Minutes — Ordered that the Directors consider, against next Meeting, who they think proper to be chosen as a Secretary, and that every Member bring in a List of Books to make out a Catalogue. —

The following is a Catalogue of Books received by the Librarian, since the last was printed. — Viz: —

Folio's		Vol ^s	Quarto's		Vol ^s	Octavo's	
• Johnson's Dictionary	-----	2	• Memorials of G. Brit. & France	-----	1		
• Hakluyt's Voyages	-----	2	• Nat. Hist: of Coralines	-----	1		
• Pliny's Natural Hist:	-----	1	• Lawson's Voyage to Carolina	-----	1		
• Purchas's Pilgrims	-----	5	• Dignity of Hum: Nature	-----	1		
• Smith's Voyages	-----	1	• Targht, a Milit ^y . Treatise	-----	1		
			• Hist: of New York	-----	1		
Quarto's			Octavo's				
• Ship build ^y . by Murray	-----	1	• New Engl ^y . Prospect by Smith	-----	1		
• Lisle's Husbandry	-----	1	• Gordon's Hist: of Peter the Great	-----	2		
• Hist: of Aleppo	-----	1					



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	Vol.	Oct.
State of Pennsylvania in 1755 & 56. — 1	Wonders of Nature by Nelson — 1	
Jan. 7. Answer to 1755. — 1	Phys: & Literary Observations } — 2	
1758. Thonidan on Education — 1	by a Society at Edin burgh — 1	
Maxims, Characters & Reflections } — 1	New Hist: of East Indies — 2	
Critical, Satyrical & Moral } — 1	Essay on the Writings and } — 1	
Cadet's Milit. Treatise — 1	Genius of M. Pope — 1	
Hist: of Trade & Commerce in the } — 1	Account of the European } — 2	
East & West Indies by Willes } — 1	Settlement in America } — 2	
The Contest in America, } — 1	Duodecimos. —	
its Consequences &c. } — 1	The Adventurer — 4.	

Mr. Rhoads is desired to enquire of Mr. Peters, when a Patent may be obtained for the Lot granted to the Library Company by the Proprietaries —

The 13th of Feb. 1758. —
At a meeting of the Directors
Present.

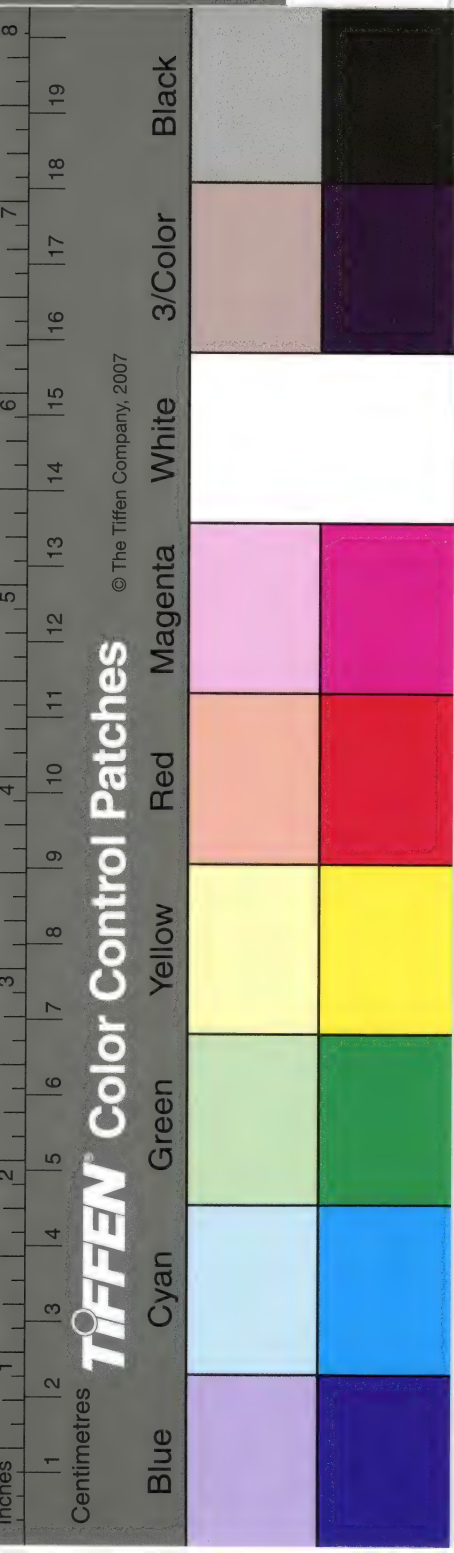
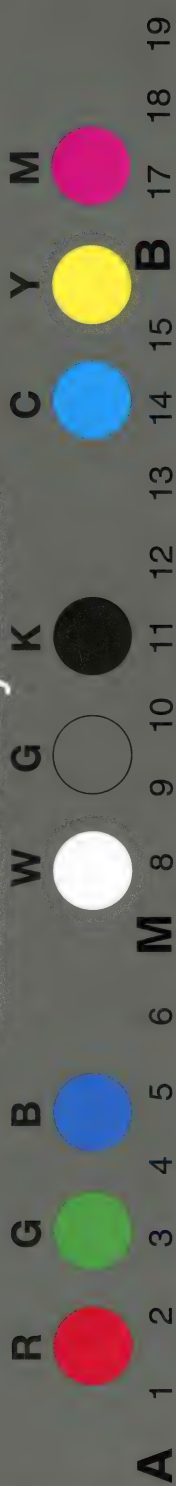
Philip Syng Tho. Cadwallader
Samuel Rhoads Ewan Morgan
Samuel Morris Joseph Morris Treas.
Robt Greenway Libr. —

The Treasurer reported that Joseph Swift had paid him £4. 10. — on his Admission as a Member of the Company
The Orders for Mr. Peters's bringing a Draught of the Letter to Mr. Franklin from the Directors, to be entered in our Minutes — and for considering of a fit Person as Secretary to the Directors — are continued —

The 13th of March 1758. —
At a meeting of the Directors
Present.

Samuel Rhoads Richard Peters
Philip Syng Ewan Morgan
Joseph Hetch Samuel Morris
Francis Alison & Robert Greenway Librarian

Mr. Syng is requested to examine the Telescope belonging to the Company, & give them his Opinion of it, or to rectify what he may find amiss — the Orders of last Meeting are continued. —



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The 10th of April 1758.—
At a Meeting of the Directors—
present

Samuel Rhoads	Samuel Morris
Philip Syng	Amos Stettel
Evan Morgan	Tho! Badwallader
Joseph Stretch	Francis Alison

with the Treasurer

The Directors being informed that Mr. Franklin has sent over Magazines to compleat our sets which were broken; the Librarian is requested to receive them from Mr. Franklin, and carry them to Mr. Muir the Book-binder, and get them, with our other Magazines till the current year, neatly bound and lettered; and that Messrs Morgan & Alison take care to see them well done — The Order concerning the Telescope continued

The 8th of May 1758.—
At a Meeting of the Directors
present.

Evan Morgan	Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Stretch	Samuel Morris
Amos Stettel	Tho! Badwallader

with the Treasurer & Librarian

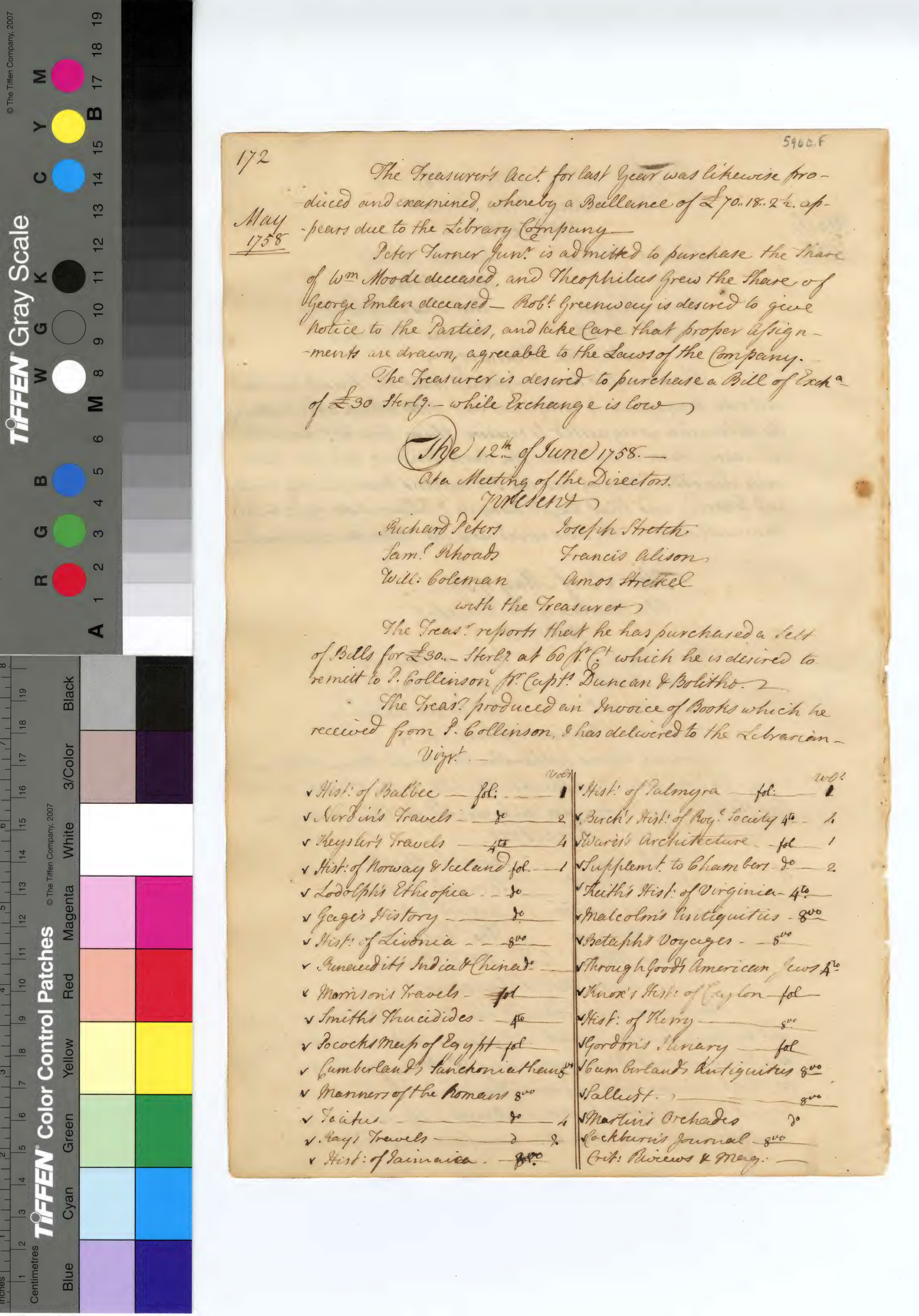
Samuel Morris, Joseph Stretch, Joseph Morris & Robt Greenway, who were present at the last Election, on the 1st Inst., Report that the following Persons were duly elected for the ensuing year.

viz: Directors —

Philip Syng	Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Stretch	Samuel Morris
Francis Alison	Richard Peters
Evan Morgan	Tho! Badwallader
Amos Stettel and	Wm Coleman

Joseph Morris Treasurer.

The Librarian produced his acct. which being examined by the Directors present, a Ballance of £13.5.9¹/₂ appears due to him on said acct. commencing 31st of May 1755, & ending 1st Inst. for which Sum an Order was now drawn on the Treasurer, and signed by the Directors present, & delivered to the Librarian, who is to call on some other Director to compleat said Order.



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The Treasurer's acct. for last year was likewise produced and examined, whereby a Balance of £70.18.2½ appears due to the Library Company

Peter Turner Junr. is admitted to purchase the share of Wm Moode deceased, and Theophilus Grew the share of George Emley deceased - Robt. Greenway is desired to give notice to the Parties, and take care that proper assignments are drawn, agreeable to the Laws of the Company.

The Treasurer is desired to purchase a Bill of Exch^a of £30 Sterlg. - while Exchange is low

The 12th of June 1758.

At a Meeting of the Directors.

Present

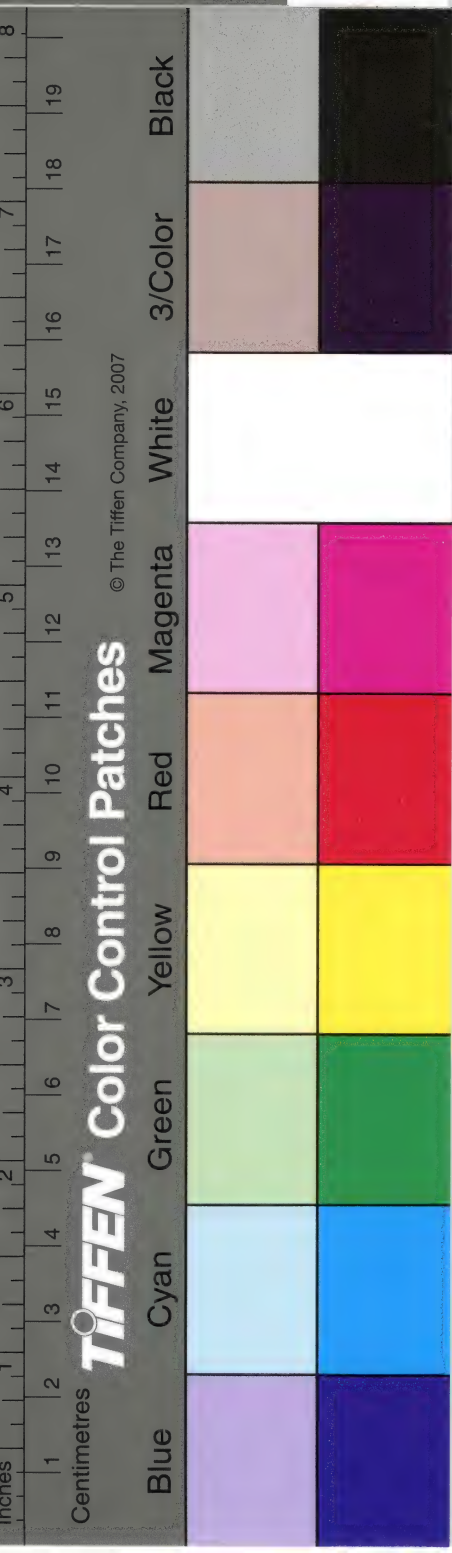
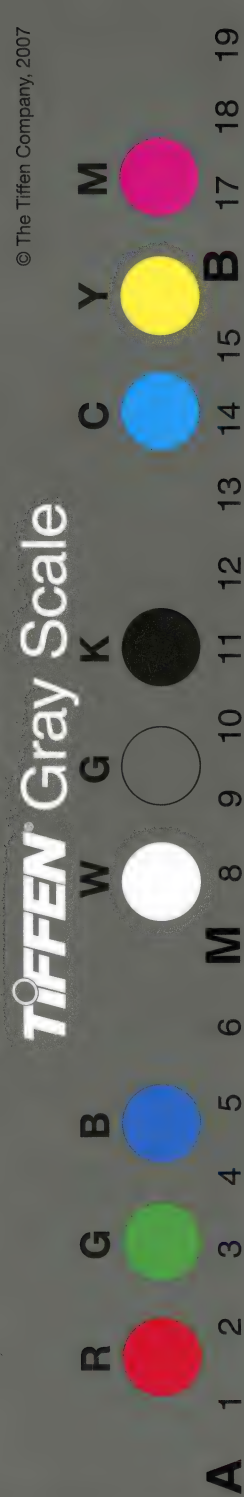
Richard Peters Joseph Stretch
Sam^l. Rhoads Francis Alison
Will. Coleman Amos Stetzel

with the Treasurer

The Treas^r. reports that he has purchased a set of Bills for £30. - Sterlg. at 60th Cent which he is desired to remitt to P. Collinson M^r. Capt. Duncan & Bolitho.

The Treas^r. produced an Invoice of Books which he received from P. Collinson, & has delivered to the Librarian - Vizt.

	Vol ^s		Vol ^s
✓ Hist. of Balbec - fol.	1	✓ Hist. of Palmyra - fol.	1
✓ Nordin's Travels - 8 ^{vo}	2	✓ Berch's Hist. of Roy. Society 4 ^{to}	1
✓ Keyser's Travels - 4 ^{to}	4	✓ Ward's Architecture - fol	1
✓ Hist. of Norway & Iceland fol.	1	✓ Supplemt. to Chambers 8 ^{vo}	2
✓ Ludolph's Ethiopia - 8 ^{vo}		✓ Keith's Hist. of Virginia 4 ^{to}	
✓ Geogr. History - 8 ^{vo}		✓ Malcolm's Antiquities - 8 ^{vo}	
✓ Hist. of Livonia - 8 ^{vo}		✓ Metaph's Voyages - 8 ^{vo}	
✓ Rucarditi's India & China - 8 ^{vo}		✓ Through good's American Jews 4 ^{to}	
✓ Morrison's Travels - fol		✓ Knox's Hist. of Ceylon - fol	
✓ Smith's Thucydides - 4 ^{to}		✓ Hist. of Perry - 8 ^{vo}	
✓ Pocock's Map of Egypt - fol		✓ Gordon's Itinerary - fol	
✓ Cumberland's Sanchoniathens - 8 ^{vo}		✓ Cumberland's Antiquities 8 ^{vo}	
✓ Manners of the Romans 8 ^{vo}		✓ Pallast. - 8 ^{vo}	
✓ Tacitus - 8 ^{vo}	1	✓ Martini's Orchades 8 ^{vo}	
✓ Ray's Travels - 8 ^{vo}	2	✓ Lockburn's Journal - 8 ^{vo}	
✓ Hist. of Jamaica - 8 ^{vo}		✓ Crit. Reviews & Merg. -	



The Treasurer likewise delivered the Librarian, History
of Arabia 4 Vol. sent by B. Franklin for the Library Company
June 1758. — and Wm Coleman reports that he delivered the Librarian
Virgil's Works, printed Birmingham in a curious Manner by
Baskerville on vellum Paper, being a Present from Dr. Fothergill
to the Library Comp^y — for which the Treasurer in his Letter to
D. Collinson is desired to return the Company's Thanks. —

The 10th of July 1758. —
At a Meeting of the Directors. —

Present

Joseph Stretch Evan Morgan
Sam^l. Rhoads Samuel Morris
Phil^s. Syng Tra^s. Alison
Tho^s. Cadwallader with the Treas^r.

and Librarian

The Treasurer reports, that he has remitted the £90.
Half^y. Bill, according to Order, to Peter Collinson.
John Read desires Permission to sell his Share in
the Library — which is allowed of. —

The 14th of August 1758. —
At a Meeting of the Directors

Present.

Richard Peters Evan Morgan
Joseph Stretch Tho^s. Cadwallader
Philip Syng & the Librarian

The Executors of Wm Parsons desire to sell the Share
of the deceased — allowed —

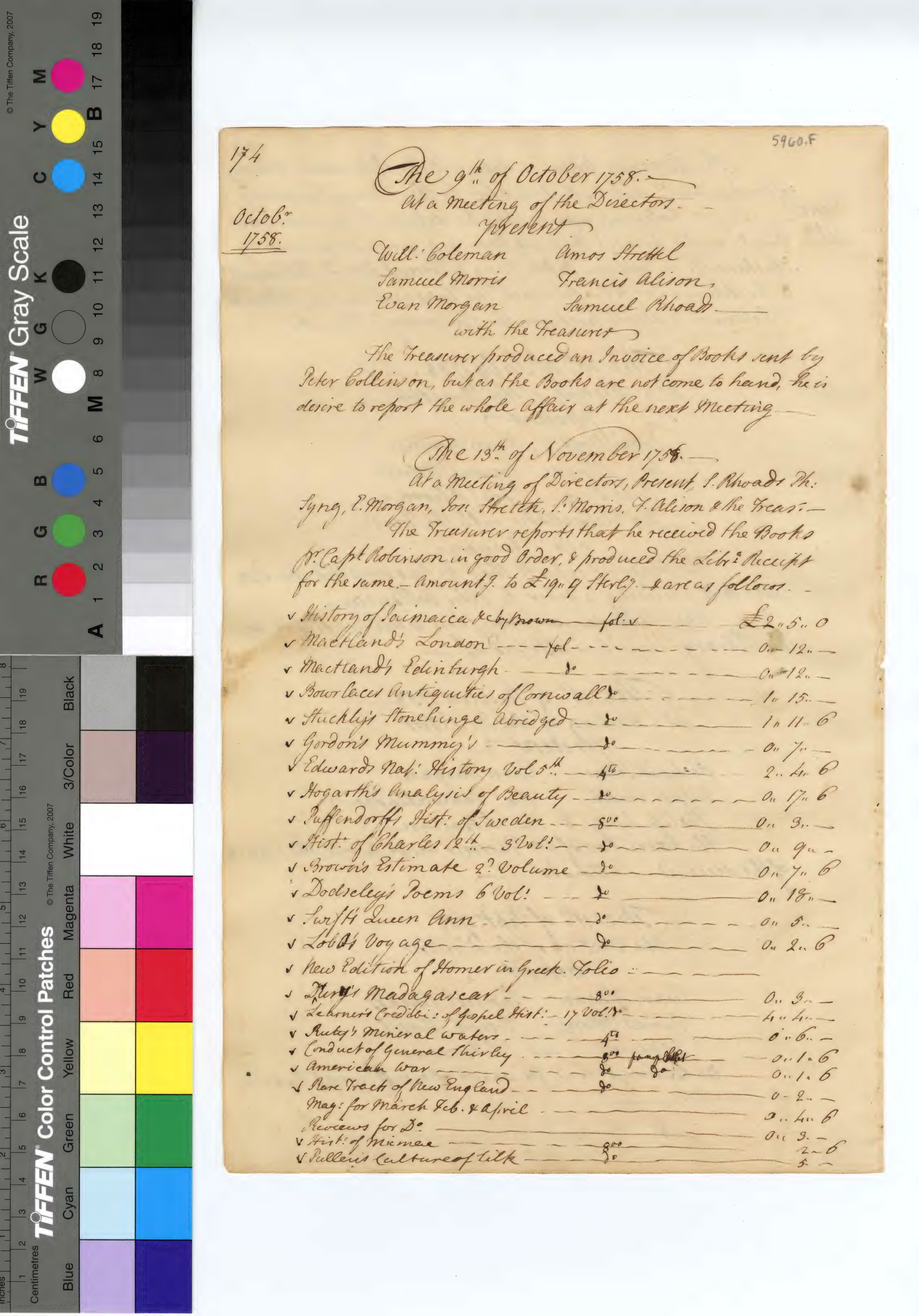
The 11th of Sept^r 1758
At a Meeting of the Directors. —

Present

Evan Morgan Samuel Rhoads
Samuel Morris Joseph Stretch
Treasurer and Librarian —

No Business done for want of a sufficient Number
of Directors. —

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The 9th of October 1758.
At a meeting of the Directors.
Present

Will. Coleman Amos Stetzel
Samuel Morris Francis Alison,
Evan Morgan Samuel Rhoads
with the Treasurer

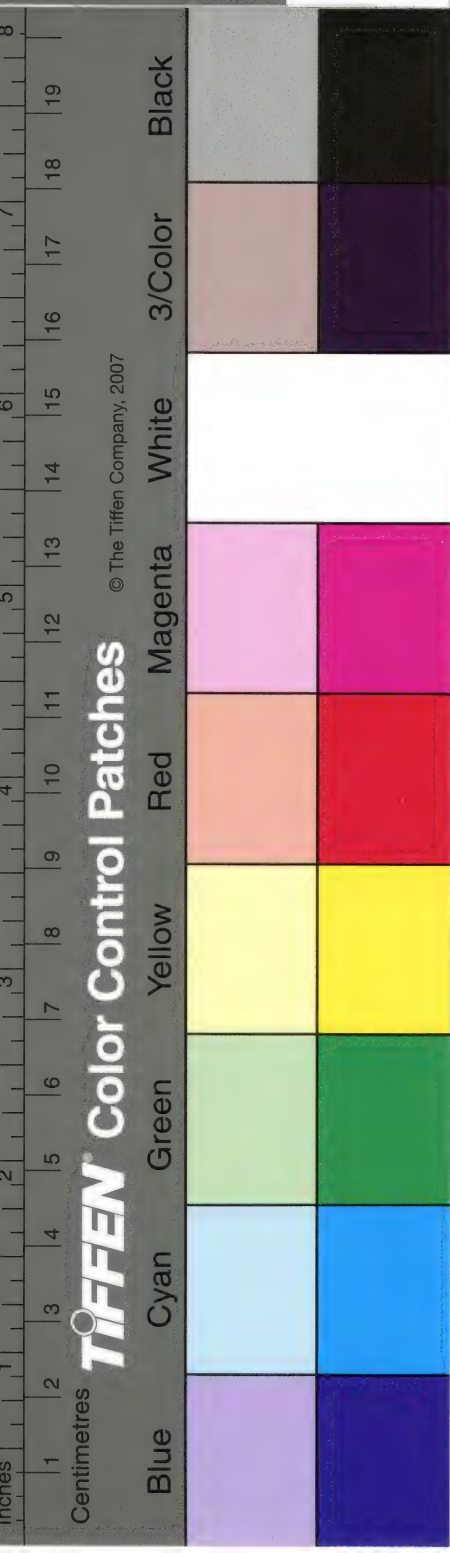
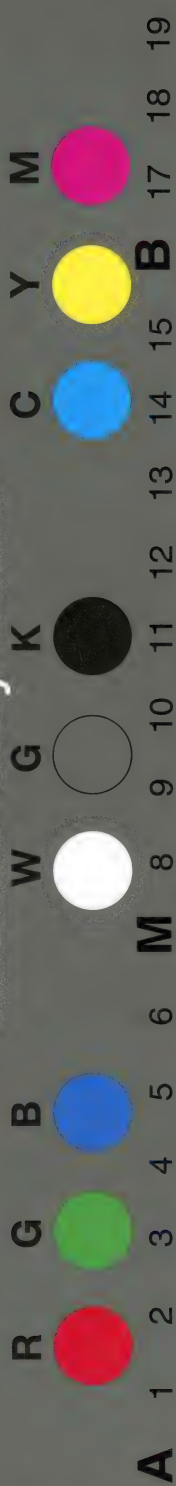
The Treasurer produced an Invoice of Books sent by
Peter Collinson, but as the Books are not come to hand, he is
desire to report the whole Affair at the next Meeting.

The 13th of November 1758.

At a Meeting of Directors, Present, S. Rhoads Th.
Lyng, E. Morgan, Jos. Stetzel, S. Morris, F. Alison & the Treas.

The Treasurer reports that he received the Books
fr. Capt. Robinson in good Order, & produced the Libr^y Receipt
for the same. Amount^d. to £19^l 9^s 4^d Sterly. & are as follows.

✓ History of Jamaica &c by Brown	fol. v	£2 ^l 5 ^s 0
✓ Maccland's London	fol.	0 ^l 12 ^s
✓ Maccland's Edinburgh	do	0 ^l 12 ^s
✓ Bower's Antiquities of Cornwall	do	1 ^l 15 ^s
✓ Huchly's Stonehenge abridged	do	1 ^l 11 ^s 6
✓ Gordon's Mummy's	do	0 ^l 7 ^s
✓ Edwards Nat. History Vol 5 th	4 th	2 ^l 4 ^s 6
✓ Hogarth's Analysis of Beauty	do	0 ^l 17 ^s 6
✓ Puffendorff's Hist. of Sweden	8 ^{vo}	0 ^l 3 ^s
✓ Hist. of Charles 12 th 3 Vol.	do	0 ^l 9 ^s
✓ Brown's Estimate 2 ^d Volume	do	0 ^l 7 ^s 6
✓ Dodseleg's Poems 6 Vol.	do	0 ^l 18 ^s
✓ Swift's Queen Ann	do	0 ^l 5 ^s
✓ Lobb's Voyage	do	0 ^l 2 ^s 6
✓ New Edition of Homer in Greek. Folio		
✓ Dury's Madagascar	8 ^{vo}	0 ^l 3 ^s
✓ Lebrun's Credibility of Gospel Hist.	17 Vol. 8 ^{vo}	4 ^l 4 ^s
✓ Ruty's Mineral waters	4 th	0 ^l 6 ^s
✓ Conduct of General Thirley	8 ^{vo} pamphlet	0 ^l 1 ^s 6
✓ American War	do	0 ^l 1 ^s 6
✓ Rare Tracts of New England	do	0 ^l 2 ^s
Mag. for March Feb. & April		0 ^l 4 ^s 6
Reviews for D.		0 ^l 3 ^s
✓ Hist. of Micmee	8 ^{vo}	2 ^l 6
✓ Pullen's Culture of Silk	do	5 ^s



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Nov^m 1758 Timothy Horsfield Executor to W^m Parsons deceased waited on the Directors and laid before them an acc^t against the Library for sundries, ending in the year 1743, on reading the old Minutes it appears a settlement was made with W^m Parsons in the year 1744 when an order was then drawn for the Ballance due to him; Evan Morgan is desired to call on Timothy Horsfield and wait on the late Treasurer W^m Coleman and examine whether that acc^t was not paid — said Timothy apply's to sell W^m Parsons's share in the Library to the first person, who shall apply to the Directors for a share.

The 11th of Decem^r. 1758.
At a Meeting of the Directors.

Present

Evan Morgan Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Hetch Samuel Morris
Francis Alison & the Librarian
No Business done for want of more Directors.

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The 8th of January 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors

Present

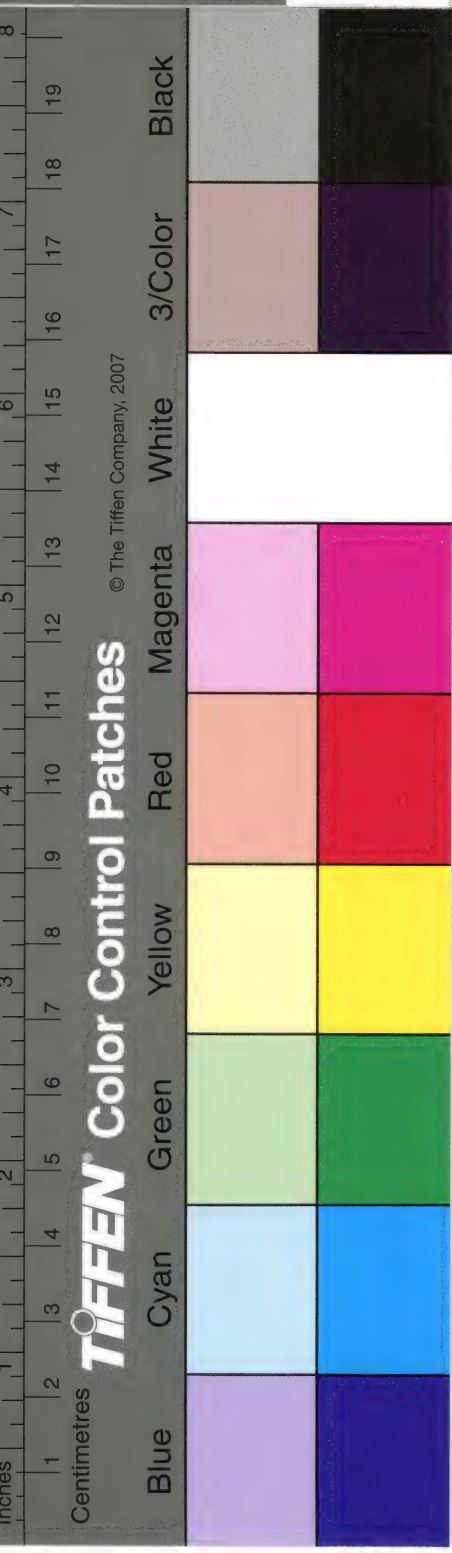
W^m Coleman Philip Syng
Joseph Hetch Tho^s Badwallader
Evan Morgan Samuel Morris
Samuel Rhoads with the Treas^r & Lib^r: —
Evan Morgan reports he had been with W^m Coleman the late Treasurer who had satisfied W^m Parsons's Ex^r that his acc^t with the Company as Librarian was fully paid off.

The 12th of Febr^y. 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors

Present

W^m Coleman Philip Syng
Rich^d Peters Tho^s Badwallader
Evan Morgan Sam^l Rhoads, & the
Treasurer

The Directors are requested to bring in a Catalogue of Books at the next Meeting, to be sent to England by the first Opportunity. —



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March
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The 12th of March 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors.
Present.

Philip Syng Joseph Stetch
Richard Peters Samuel Rhoads
Evan Morgan

Richard Peters prepared a Catalogue of Books, ~~pro~~ pro-
posed to bring it to the next Meeting.

Francis Hopkinson applies to be admitted a Member
of the Library Company, and to enjoy his Father's Share, which
is agreed to by all present.

The 9th of April 1759
At a Meeting of the Directors.
Present

Francis Alison Joseph Stetch
Amos Stetzel Tho^t Cadwallader
Samuel Rhoads Evan Morgan
Samuel Morris William Coleman, & the
Treasurer

The Treasurer produced a Letter from Peter Collinson of
20th of October last with Invoice of a Trunk of Books M^r Cap. Nicholson

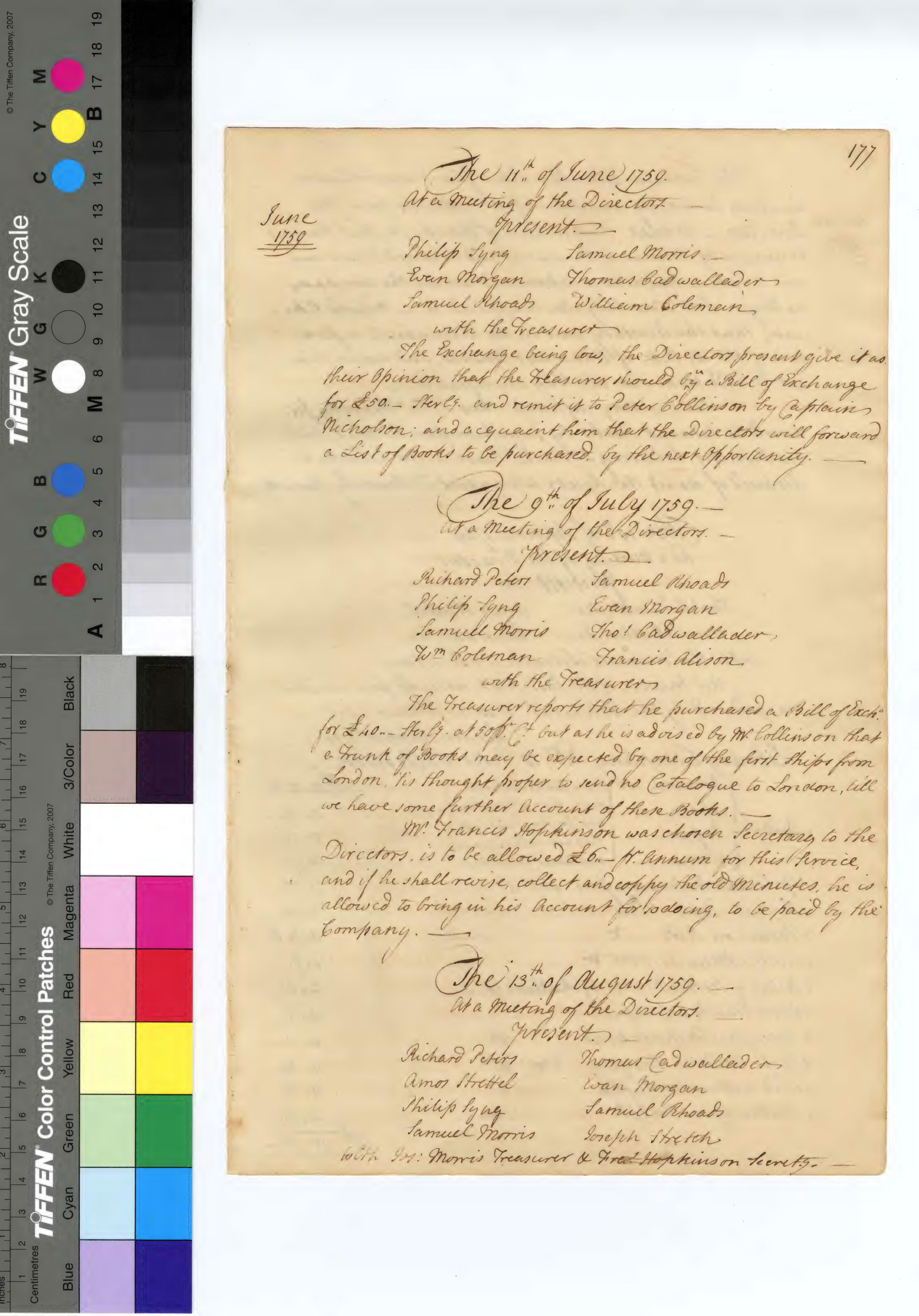
The 14th of May 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors.

Joseph Morris & Joseph Stetch who attended at the
last Election on the 7th Inst^t report that the following Persons
were chosen viz^t Directors

Richard Peters Francis Alison
Samuel Morris Samuel Rhoads
Evan Morgan Philip Syng
W^m Coleman Tho^t Cadwallader
Amos Stetzel Joseph Stetch

Joseph Morris Treasurer.

The Treasurer's Acc^t. being produced and examined
by the Directors present, it appeared that the Balance now
in his Hands due to the Company, amounts to Twenty
Eight Pounds, two Shillings & five pence half penny



June
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The 11th of June 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors
Present.

Philip Syng Samuel Morris
Evan Morgan Thomas Cadwallader
Samuel Rhoads William Coleman
with the Treasurer

The Exchange being low, the Directors present give it as
their Opinion that the Treasurer should by a Bill of Exchange
for £50. Sterly. and remit it to Peter Collinson by Captain
Nicholson; and acquaint him that the Directors will forward
a List of Books to be purchased by the next Opportunity.

The 9th of July 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors.
Present.

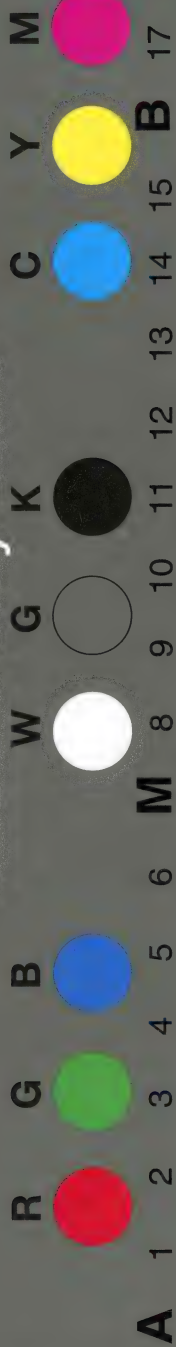
Richard Peters Samuel Rhoads
Philip Syng Evan Morgan
Samuel Morris Tho^l Cadwallader
W^m Coleman Francis Alison
with the Treasurer

The Treasurer reports that he purchased a Bill of Exch.
for £40. Sterly. at 50p. Ct but as he is advised by M^r. Collinson that
a Trunk of Books may be expected by one of the first Ships from
London, 'tis thought proper to send no Catalogue to London, till
we have some further Account of these Books.

M^r. Francis Hopkinson was chosen Secretary to the
Directors, is to be allowed £6. p^r. Annum for this Service,
and if he shall revise, collect and copy the old Minutes, he is
allowed to bring in his Account for so doing, to be paid by the
Company.

The 13th of August 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors.
Present.

Richard Peters Thomas Cadwallader
Amos Stettel Evan Morgan
Philip Syng Samuel Rhoads
Samuel Morris Joseph Stretch
with Jos: Morris Treasurer & Fred: Hopkinson Secy.



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August 1759
The Treasurer produced a Letter from Peter Collinson in which he heavily complains of ill Treatment from the Directors — Ordered, that a Letter of Thanks for past Services be drawn by Thomas Cadwallader and Richard Peters and sent to him — And, as he is determined to serve the company no longer, that some body else be applied to. — Ordered likewise, that the Secretary wait on the Librarian to inform him of the ill State of Hanway's Travels, and desire him not to lend them out, till they are repaired. —

The Secretary informed, that D. In.^o Thearsley Jun.^r desired to take out Books by Permission from D. Bard, but the Directors believing D. Bard's Share in the Library is disposed of desired the Secy to acquaint D. Thearsley therewith.

The 10th of Septem^r. 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors
Present.

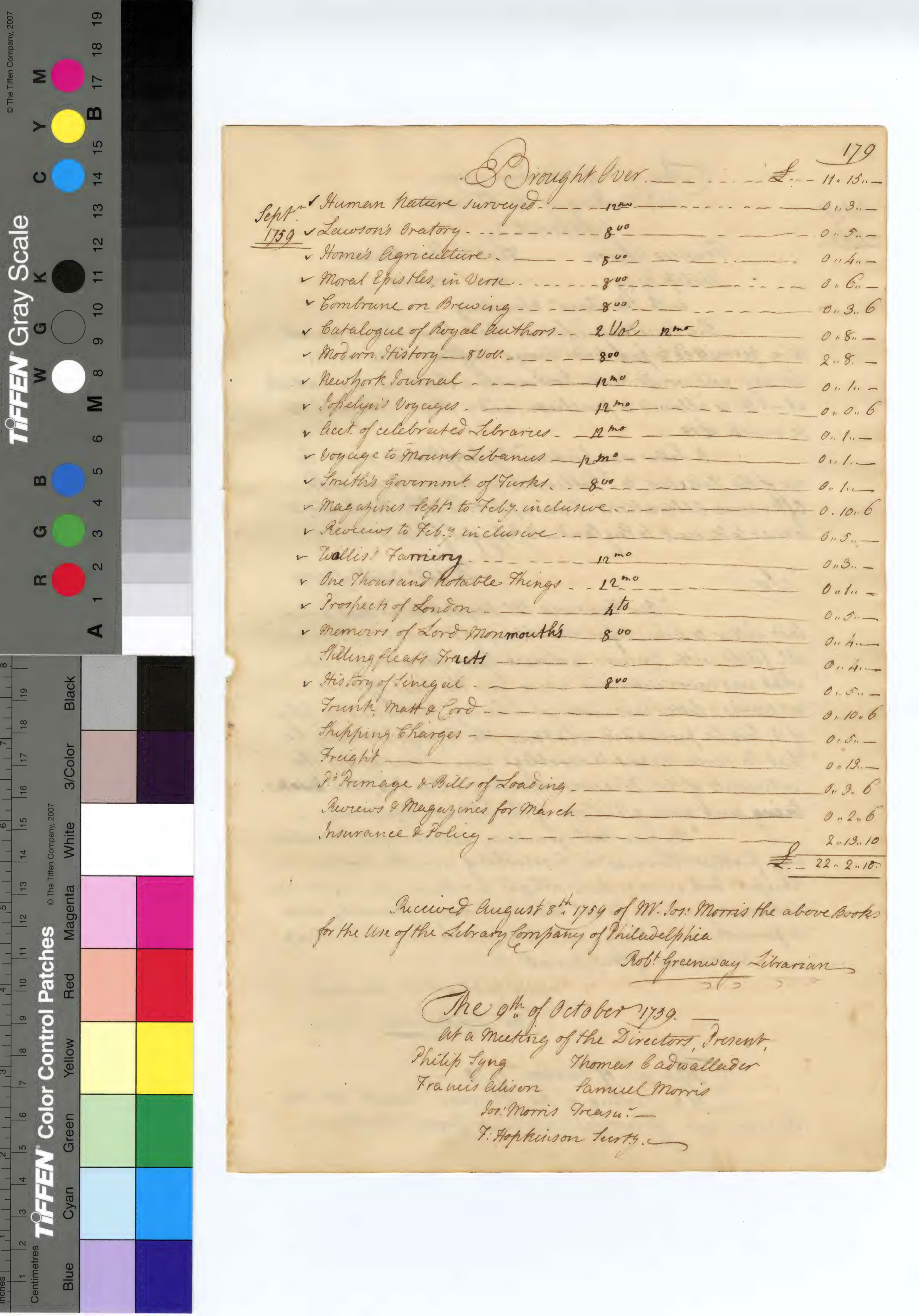
Tho^s Cadwallader Amos Strettel
Samuel Rhoads Evan Morgan.
with the Treasurer, Librarian & Secretary.

An Invoice of the last Book received from London was produced by the Librarian, & is as follows viz^t —
London March 28th 1759. —

Library Company D^r to Peter Collinson

✓ America —	These Books are worth more than what they cost, for they have cuts that are well engraven & esteemed genuine.	£ 0. 12. 6
✓ Africa —		0. 19. —
✓ Ogleby's Japan —		0. 6. —
✓ China —		0. 7. —
✓ Spelman's Halcarnassus, 4 Vol. 1 ^{to}		3. 12. —
✓ Bowyer's Popes — 1 th Vol.		0. 14. —
✓ Parsons on Seeds. — 2 ^o		0. 7. 6
✓ Sulley's Memoirs. 5 Vol. 2 ^o		1. 7. —
✓ History of Scotland, 2 Vol. by Maitland fol. ✓		2. 0. —
✓ Moor's Travels into Africa —		0. 4. —
✓ Tusculan Disputations — 8 ^{vo}		0. 5. —
✓ Keal's Academ. Surgery — 3 Vol. 12 ^{mo}		0. 12. —
✓ Lord Wittworth's Ruffia — 8 ^{vo}		0. 4. —
✓ McKensiey on Health — 8 ^{vo}		0. 5. —

£ 11. 15. —



		Brought over		179
			£	11. 13. -
Sept. 1759	✓ Human Nature surveyed	12 ^{mo}		0. 3. -
	✓ Lawson's Oration	8 ^{uo}		0. 5. -
	✓ Homer's Agriculture	8 ^{uo}		0. 4. -
	✓ Moral Epistles, in Verse	8 ^{uo}		8. 6. -
	✓ Combrune on Brewing	8 ^{uo}		0. 3. 6
	✓ Catalogue of Royal Authors	2 Vol 12 ^{mo}		0. 8. -
	✓ Modern History - 8 Vol.	8 ^{uo}		2. 8. -
	✓ New York Journal	12 ^{mo}		0. 1. -
	✓ L'Opely's Voyages	12 ^{mo}		0. 0. 6
	✓ Acct. of celebrated Libraries	12 ^{mo}		0. 1. -
	✓ Voyage to Mount Lebanon	12 ^{mo}		0. 1. -
	✓ Smith's Government of Turks	8 ^{uo}		0. 1. -
	✓ Magazines Sept: to Feb: inclusive			0. 10. 6
	✓ Reviews to Feb: inclusive			0. 5. -
	✓ Wallis's Farming	12 ^{mo}		0. 3. -
	✓ One Thousand Notable Things	12 ^{mo}		0. 1. -
	✓ Prospects of London	4 ^{to}		0. 5. -
	✓ Memoirs of Lord Monmouth's	8 ^{uo}		0. 4. -
	✓ Stillingfleet's Tracts			0. 4. -
	✓ History of Senegal	8 ^{uo}		0. 5. -
	Trunk, Matt & Cord			0. 10. 6
	Shipping Charges			0. 5. -
	Freight			0. 13. -
	2 ^d Passage & Bills of Lading			0. 3. 6
	Reviews & Magazines for March			0. 2. 6
	Insurance & Policy			2. 13. 10
			£	22. 2. 10.

Received August 8th 1759 of Wm. Morris the above Books
for the Use of the Library Company of Philadelphia
Robt Greenway Librarian

The 9th of October 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors, Present,
Philip Syng Thomas Cadwallader
Francis Alison Samuel Morris
Jos. Morris Treasr.
T. Hopkinson Secy.



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The 9th of October 1759. —
at a meeting of the Directors
present. —

Francis Alison Tho: Cadwallader
Philip Syng Sam: Morris.
with the Treas: & Secretary. —

The Secretary informed that Jacob Lewis desired to be permitted to purchase George Mifflin's Share in the Library, and would know how much a Share is now valued at — He is allowed to purchase, and a Share is deemed to be worth £15. —

A Letter was produced by Joseph Morris, wrote by one of the Directors, to P. Collinson, in answer to his last. — After some alterations it was approved of by the Board, & ordered to be sent to England — A Copy of it follows. Viz: —

"Sir.

Philad: Octob: 9th 1759. —

"Our Treasurer Mr. Joseph Morris laid your
"last Letter to him before the Board of Directors; and we are
"all filled with Concern to observe your Presentment at,
"what was never intended to give you the least Offence —
"Mr. Morris's Letter was wrote in a hurry, and he has no Copy
"of it; but, be persuaded, whatever the Expressions may be,
"that he never meant to disoblige you in conveying the
"Sentiments of the Directors respecting other People's Books
"being sent amongst those of the Library Company. —

"By your last, you seem determined to decline
"any further Services in furnishing us with Books, we
"therefore look on ourselves obliged to return you our sincere
"acknowledgements for all that you have formerly done
"to promote our Library; and take our Leaves, by wishing
"you all manner of Happiness" &c.

(signed by order of the Directors)

"Wm: Hopkinson, Secy."

The 12th of Novem: 1759. —

At a Meeting of the Directors, Present all the
Directors and officers (except Amos Bredt & Jos. Morris. —



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It was agreed, and ordered to be minuted, that every Director shall at the next Monthly Meeting produce a List of Books which Nov^r he can recommend as proper for the Library; out of which several Catalogues one may be formed, agreeable to the consent of the Board, to be sent for to England.

The 10th of Decem^r. 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors
present

Francis Alison Tho^l. Badwallader

Evan Morgan Wm Coleman

Jos: Stretch Philip Syng

Sam: Rhoads and Fra: Hopkinson Secy.

Ordered, That to one of the printed Catalogues the secretary add a compleat List of Books, received into the Library since the printing of said Catalogue, for the Use of the Directors.

Mr. Rhoads is again desired to enquire of Rich^d. Peters, when a Patent may be obtained for the Lot granted to the Library Company by the Proprietaries.

Ordered, That the Directors and officers meet here next Monday Evening in order to settle a Catalogue of Books to be sent for by the first Opportunity.

The 17th of December 1759.
At a Meeting of the Directors
present.

Amos Stettel

Tho^l. Badwallader

Wm Coleman

Joseph Stretch

Philip Syng

Samuel Rhoads

Evan Morgan

Francis Alison with the

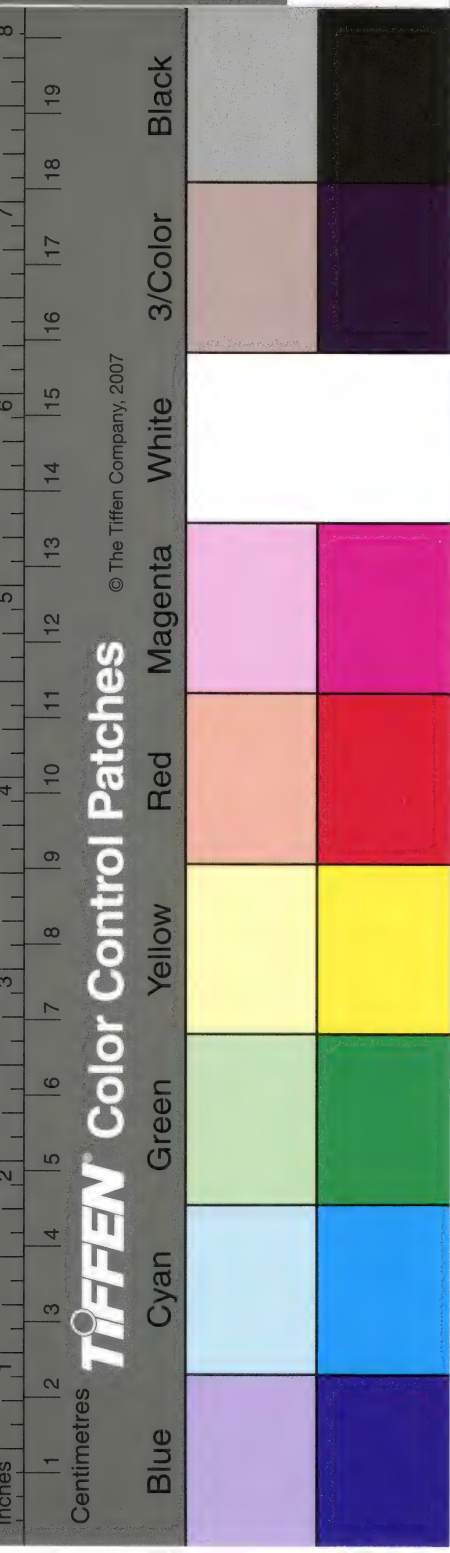
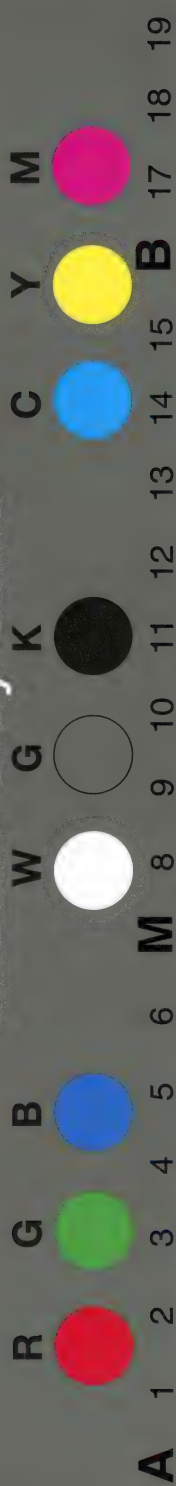
Treasurer

and

Secretary

Ordered that the Secretary provide an alphabetical Catalogue of the Books belonging to the Library, for the Use of the Directors, for doing which he is to be paid by the Company.

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The 14th of January 1760
At a Meeting of the Directors.
Present

Amos Stetzel Tho^s. Cadwallader
Richard Peters Samuel Rhoads
Treasurer and Secretary.

Ordered, That the Secretary examine all the Lists of Books which the several Directors have offered to be sent for, and, separating such Books from them as are already in the Library, produce the rest at the next Monthly Meeting, when it will be determined what Books will be proper to be sent for by the first opportunity.

Mem^o: Samuel Powell is allowed to purchase a Share in the Library, & is admitted a Member.

Ordered, That bound Catalogues of the Books belonging to the Library be presented to the following Gentlemen Viz:— Tho^s the Hon^{ble} the Proprietaries Tho^s. Penn & Rich^d. Penn 1, to M^r. Grey of Colchester, to P. Collins on, 1, & 6 to M^r. Franklin to be distributed among Gentlemen of his acquaintance.

The 11th of February 1760
At a Meeting of the Directors.
Present.

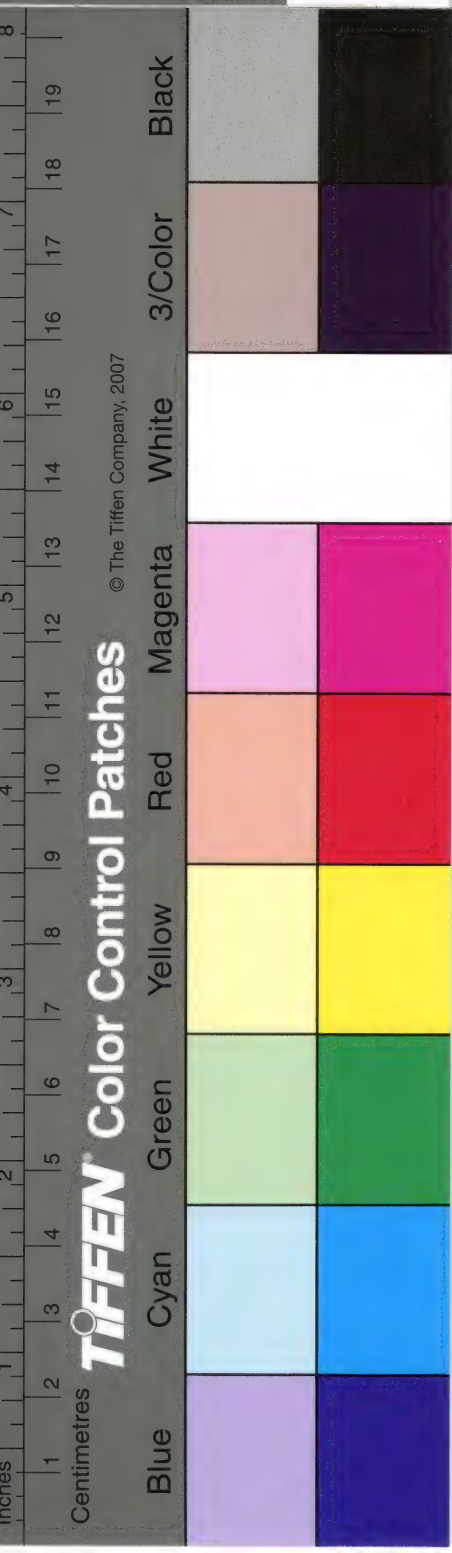
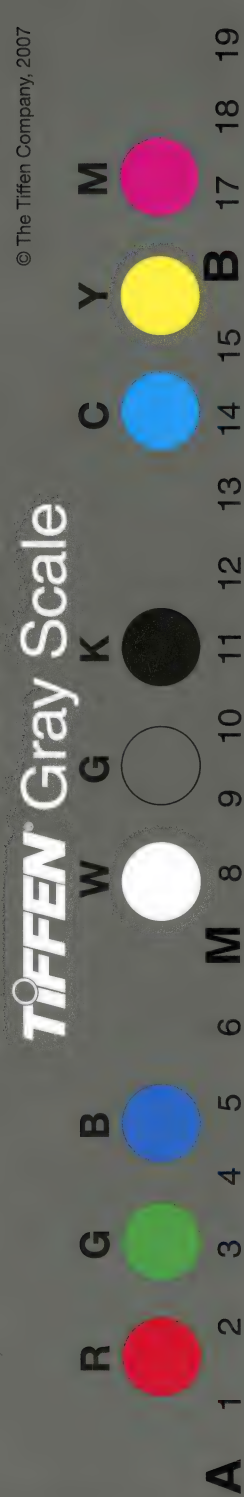
Samuel Morris Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Stretch Tho^s. Cadwallader
Philip Syng Rob^t. Greenway Lib^r.
Jos^r. Morris, Treas^r. Fra^s. Hopkinson Sec^y.

Ordered, That the Minute of last Meeting concerning the printed Catalogues be thus altered viz:— 12 to be sent to M^r. Franklin, 6 to the Proprietaries, 1 to M^r. Collinson & 1 to M^r. Grey of Colchester, all of them to be neatly bound and lettered.

The 10th of March 1760.

At a Meeting of the Directors. Present.

Joseph Stretch, W^m. Coleman, Tho^s. Cadwallader, Evan Morgan
Samuel Rhoads, Philip Syng, Joseph Morris Treas^r.
and Francis Hopkinson Secretary.



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The Secretary reported that he had got 20 Volumes of the printed Catalogues neatly bound & lettered pursuant to the Minute of last Meeting; 6 of which, he is ordered to deliver to Richard Peters that he may send them to the Proprietaries, and the remaining 14 are to be delivered to the Treas. to be sent to Mr. Franklin, who will dispose of them as directed by the said foregoing Minute.

The Treasurer informs that he has received a small Box of Books from Peter Collinson; but as the Librarian (who has the Invoice) did not attend, we cannot here insert the List.

The 14th of April 1760
At a Meeting of the Directors
present

Samuel Morris Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Stretch Thomas Cadwallader
with the Treasurer, Librarian & Secretary.

A sufficient Number of Directors not attending, —
no Business was done. —

May 5th 1760

At an Election held at the Library the following Persons were chosen Directors &c for the ensuing Year.

Directors

Samuel Rhoads Tho. Cadwallader
Philip Syng Wm Coleman
Richard Peters Samuel Morris
Evan Morgan Joseph Stretch
Francis Alison Lynford Lardner
Joseph Morris Treasurer
Francis Hopkinson Secretary

The 12th of May 1760

At a Meeting of the Directors
present

Samuel Rhoads Tho. Cadwallader
Samuel Morris Wm Coleman

with the Secretary.

No Business done, for want of Directors. —

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The 9th of June 1760.
At a Meeting of the Directors
present.

Samuel Rhoads
Francis Alison
W^m Coleman

Tho^s! badwallader
Evan Morgan
Jos: Morris Treas^r.

J. Hopkinson Secy.

The Treasurer producing his account for the last year, it was examined and signed by the Directors present, there being a Ballance of £97^{..} 2^{..} 5^{..} 1/2 in his Hands, in favours of the Company. —

William Muir the Bookbinder's account was also examined, approved & signed, amounting to £8^{..} 8^{..} 6^{..}. And an Order drawn on the Treas^r for the Payment of it. —

Francis Hopkinson also produced his account for 10 Months Salary as Secy. to the Directors, and for drawing an alphabetical Catalogue of the Books belonging to the Library, which was also approved of & an Order drawn on the Treas^r for Payment of the same, it being £6^{..} 11^{..} —

Ordered, That as a full Majority of Directors did not attend, the Secretary wait upon one or more of them to-morrow, in order to have the above accounts reexamined and signed. —

N^o. B. The Secretary's Year will not be compleat till next Month; but it was thought convenient to pay him off at May, that his yearly account may for the future come in at a proper Time with the Treasurer's — his present account is therefore dated in May. —

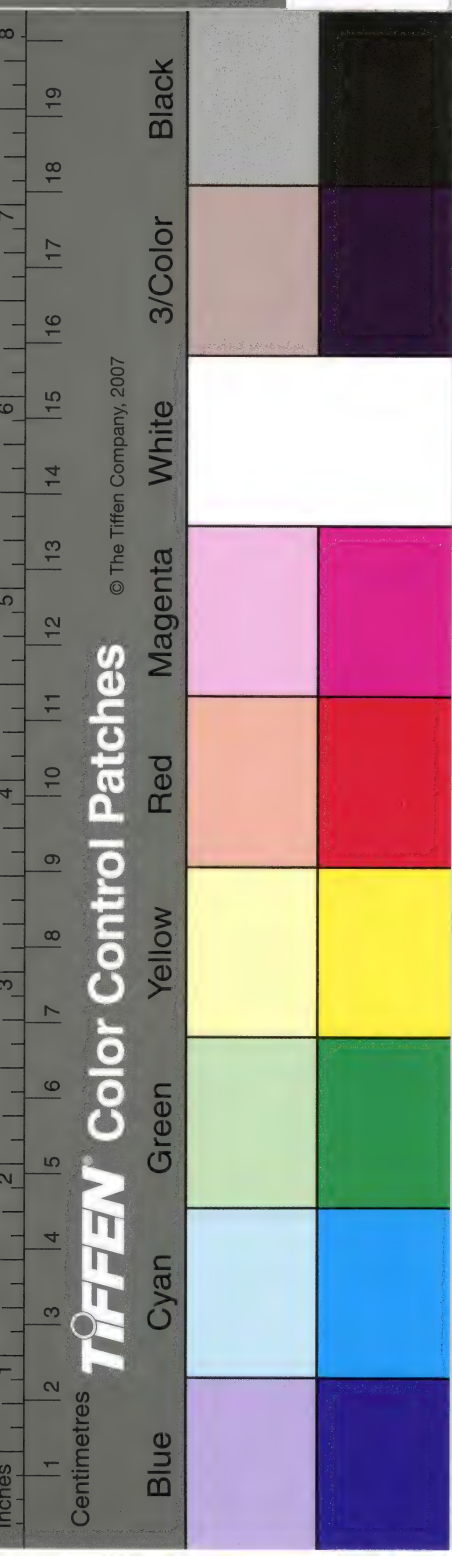
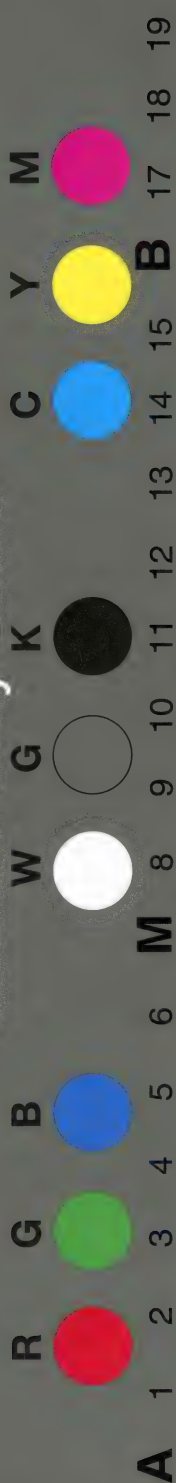
David Hall likewise sent in a large Acc^t. the Examination of which is deferred till next Meeting when it is hoped a Majority of Directors will attend. —

The 14th of July 1760
At a Meeting of the Directors
present

Evan Morgan
Samuel Rhoads

Richard Peters
Francis Alison

with the Treasurer and
Secretary —



185.

M. Coleman and M. Joseph Stretch were appointed a Committee to examine the Account of David Hall, and July 1760 were desired to make their Report accordingly at the next Meeting — and the Secretary is desired to look over the Minutes & to inform the said Committee when the last Settlement with David Hall was made by the Company. —

The Secretary informed that he had waited on Philip Syng, who he had examined and signed the several Accounts approved of at the last Meeting —

The 11th of August.

At a Meeting of the Directors

present.

Evan Morgan	Samuel Rhoads
Francis Alison	Samuel Morris
Joseph Stretch	Tho. Cadwallader
The Treasurer & Secretary.	

The Secretary reported that he had complied with the Directions of last Meeting, with respect to David Hall's Account — But, as M. Coleman (who has the Account) did not attend, it could not be settled at this Meeting. —

M. Rhoads reported that the Librarian had made frequent Complaints, that several Skins in the Form of Indian Dresses, in a Room adjacent to the Library, grew extremely offensive and troublesome — Ordered, That the Secretary inform the said Librarian that he has Liberty from the Directors, to throw away or destroy all such Skins which are become thus offensive and troublesome —

The 8th of Septem. 1760

At a Meeting of the Directors

present

Richard Peters	W ^m Coleman
Evan Morgan	Jos. Stretch
Sam. Rhoads	Philip Syng
Tho. Cadwallader	The Librarian
Secretary	

The Librarian informed that he had removed all those Skins from the Room adjoining the Library, which he thought

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necessary, in consequence of the Permission given him by the Directors at last Meeting. —

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Mess^{rs} Coleman and Hetch, who were appointed, at a former Meeting, to examine the Account of David Hall, report, that they had considered the same; and the said Account, after some small Corrections, was allowed of; and an Order drawn on the Treasurer to pay the same signed by the Directors present: It amounting to £62^{..}11^{..}10^{..} —

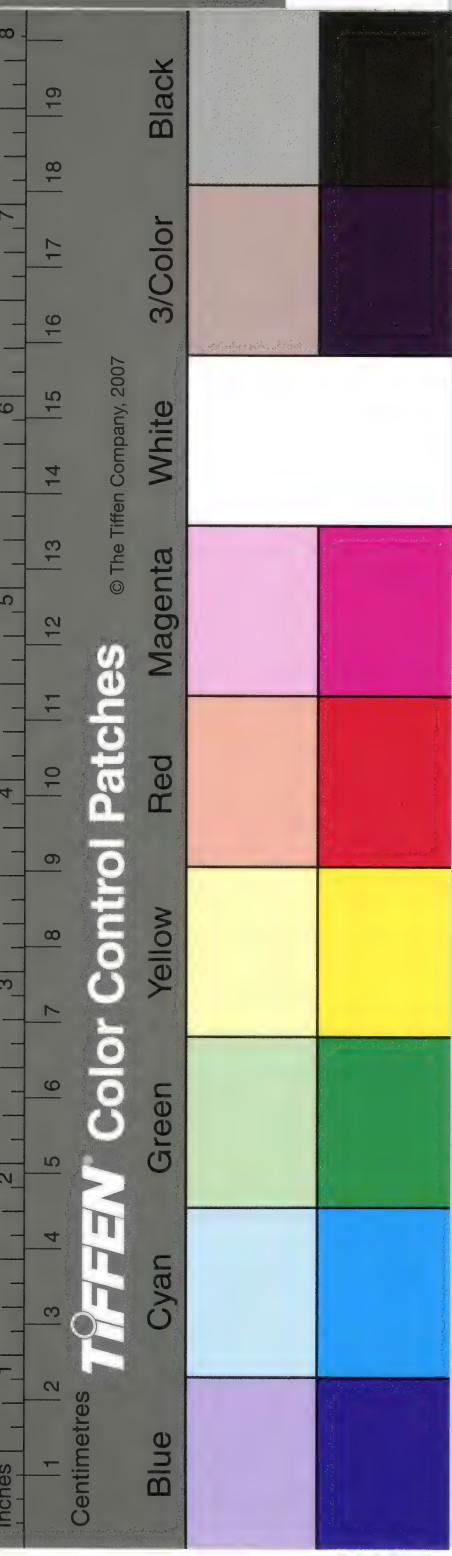
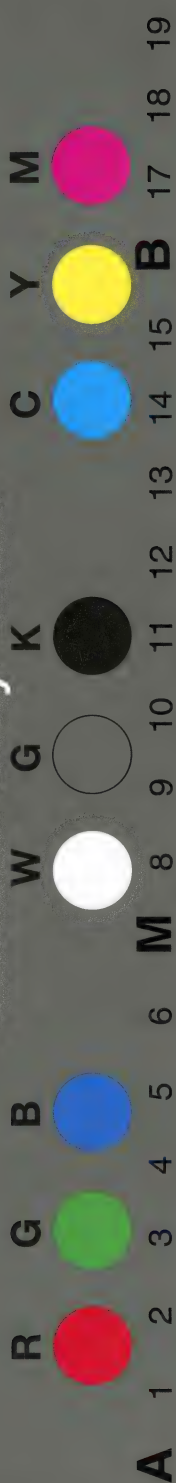
The Librarian reported, that M^r. Nicholas Scull had returned to him the Telescope belonging to the Comp^y. and assured him that the said Telescope was not fit for Use. — It was therefore agreed & ordered, That the Librarian get a Box made for the Telescope; and packing it up safely deliver it to M^r. Richard Peters, who has engaged to send it by the first opportunity to England, in order to have it put in proper Repair. —

The 13th of October 1760
At a Monthly Meeting of the Directors.
Present. —

W ^m Coleman	Francis Alison,
Samuel Morris	Tho ^l Cadwallader
Richard Peters	Evan Morgan
Samuel Rhoads	Joseph Morris Treas. ^r &
J ^h Hopkinson Sec ^y . —	

The Secretary laid before the Board a Letter from M^r. Collinson; a Copy of which follows viz^t. —

"To my Friend Francis Hopkinson,
"It Revives, (yet with Concern) the Long Friendship and
"Esteem I had for thy Father, when I write to his Son, who so
"worthily succeeds him —
"I was too hasty in my Resolution when I intended to
"send no more Books without the Library Company's Orders —
"I did not then consider that the modern universal History
"was publishing, of which they had part — and Ogelby's
"Works was not compleat & which are now scarce, but
"very proper for a public Library; for the Asian, African
" & American Policy, Customs & Manners change not,
"like the fickle Humours of Europeans. —



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 "I know I have sent a Duplicate of Ogilvy's but I
 "could not help it, for want of taking the particular Titles of
 "those sent before; but as the Book is of no great Price it may
 "be disposed of with little or no Loss at your Auctions. —

"I have no Letter from the Library Company since
 "thine of October 9th. I want much to hear if my account (art
 "proves to Satisfaction. — In Nov. last I sent by the Friendship
 "Capt. Mclelland a Box of Books Value £9.10.4 but I have
 "no Advice of its Arrival —

"By this Ship, the Philadelphia Packet, I send
 another Box of Books as H. Invoice

"I am, with Esteem, Thy Friend
 "London June 14th 1760") "P. Collinson"

Invoice

Library Company Dr	May 28 th 1760	
✓ Ogilvy's China 2 Vol. 10/6	Fol.	£ 1. 1. —
✓ Asia D.	D.	0. 15. —
Repairing these Volumes		0. 1. 6
✓ Edward 2. Vol of Gleanings bindg.		2. 3. —
✓ Modern Universal History 5 Vol.		1. 10. —
✓ 5 painted Sheets of Insects 2/6 each		0. 12. 6
7 Critical Reviews		0. 7. —
Mag ^y for 9 th 10 th Sept ^r Jan ^r Feb ^r Mar. April		0. 10. 6
Box & Cord		2. 6
p ^y Freight & Primage		8. —
p ^y Shipping & Charges		4. —
		£ 7. 17. —

A List of Books to be sent for, was this Evening de-
 termined upon, and the Secretary is ordered to prepare a Copy
 of it and enclose it in a Letter to Mr. Franklin, desiring him
 to send the Books contained in said Catalogue; at the same
 Time informing him that Mr. Collinson has declined to
 serve the Company any further, and beg the favour of him
 to propose some Book-seller whom he can recommend for a
 future Correspondent. — He is likewise to be acquainted
 that Mr. Collinson has in his Hands £ which he
 is desired to pay to Mr. Franklin for the purchasing of said

Books — The Treasurer & M^r. Coleman are desired to examine M^r. Collinson's last Acc^t. that Report may be made to him accordingly. —

October
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M^r. Peters informed that M^r. Case of Liverpool having observed a Grant for the wearing a particular Coat of Arms (given to the Ancestor of said M^r. Case) in the Library; desired Leave from the Directors to receive the same into his Family to which of Right it belongs — Ordered, that the said Grant or Instrument be delivered to M^r. Case on his giving a Receipt for the same on the Book of Minutes —

Ordered, that the Secretary wait on M^r. Brockden and receive from him the Patent for the Lot given by the Proprietary's to the Library, and deliver the same, with the Box of old Papers & Minutes, now in his (the said Secy's) Possession, to the Treasurer. —

November 10th 1760

At a Meeting of the Directors, Present

Will: Coleman

Tho^s! Cadwallader

Francis Alison

Joseph Stetch

Evan Morgan

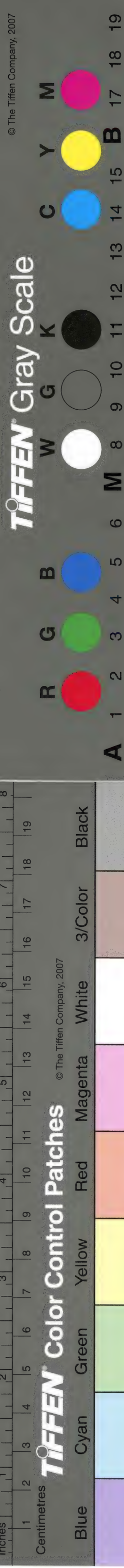
Samuel Morris

Samuel Rhoads &

The Treasurer

M^r. Coleman and the Treasurer report that they find that M^r. Peter Collinson had given Credit to the Library Company for £30 Sterl^y. which was paid to him by the Trustees of the College and Academy to purchase an Apparatus; and as there is not so much Money belonging to this Company in his Hands as we supposed at our former Meetings, it is agreed to send for so many of the Books, from the List then made out, as we are able to purchase; and, the Secretary being absent, the Treasurer is desired to write to M^r. Benjⁿ. Franklin to send the Books in the following Catalogue. —

Catalogue



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Catalogue of Books.

Nov^r 1766 for the Library-Company of Philad^a

✓ Jewish Letters. ————— 12^{mo}

✓ Dalrimple's History of Feudal Property. 8^{vo}

✓ Last Works of Voltaire. —————

✓ Justinian's Institutes of Civil Law ————— 4^o

✓ Critical Enquiry into the Opinions & } — 8^{vo}

✓ Practices of the Antient Philosophers } —

✓ De la Potterie's Hist. of America —————

✓ French Mathematicians measuring } — 8

✓ an Arch of a Circle —————

✓ Abbe de la Pluche on Men, with his Evangelical } — 8^{vo}

✓ Preparations & Demonstrations. —————

✓ Warner's Life of T. Tho. Moore ————— 8^{vo}

✓ Pasnager's Continuation of Josephus. fol.

✓ Edwards's Canons of Criticism ————— 8^{vo}

✓ Chapman's Cyder Maker's Instructor —————

✓ Sherlock's 4 Vol. of Sermons ————— 8^{vo}

✓ Hand-Maid to the Arts & Sciences ————— 8^{vo}

✓ Smallet's Hist. of England ————— 4^{to}

✓ Rowning's Natural Philosophy ————— 8^{vo}

✓ Sweedenburgh on Metals in English. —————

✓ Lynceus on Botany —————

✓ Hill's British Herbal —————

✓ Magens on Insurances —————

✓ Essay on the Origin & Progress of human Affections. —————

✓ Maquer's Elements of Chymistry —————

✓ D^r Acosta's History of Fossils. —————

✓ Enquiry concerning the first Inhabitants of Europe —————

✓ Farnsworth's Translation of } —

✓ Davilla's History of France } —

✓ Bentillon's Analysis of Trade, Commerce & Coin —————

✓ Duhammel's Husbandry —————

✓ Memoirs of a Protestant condemned to the Gallies —————

✓ Compleat Distiller, by Cooper —————

✓ L^d Clarendon's posthumous Works —————

✓ Dissertations on the Prophecys. by Newton. —————

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1760The 24th of Nov^r 1760

In consequence of a foregoing Minute
(see p. 188) in favour of M^r. Case of Liverpool, the
Patent for a Coat of Arms there mentioned, belonging
to the Family of said M^r. Case was this Day delivered
to him by the Librarian, and the following is a Receipt
for the same —

Gentlemen Directors of the Library
Company of Philadelphia

I acknowledge the Receipt of a
Box containing a Patent from Henry King of
Arms dated the 21st day in the 21st Year of the Reign
of Queen Elizabeth, adding a Crest to the Coat
Armour of Thomas Case Gent^r.

I return you my
heartly thanks for this acceptable present in
behalf of our Family and shall take a
pleasure in letting them know with what
cheerfulness it was given on their being informed
by M^r. Peter that one of the Case Family was
in Town.

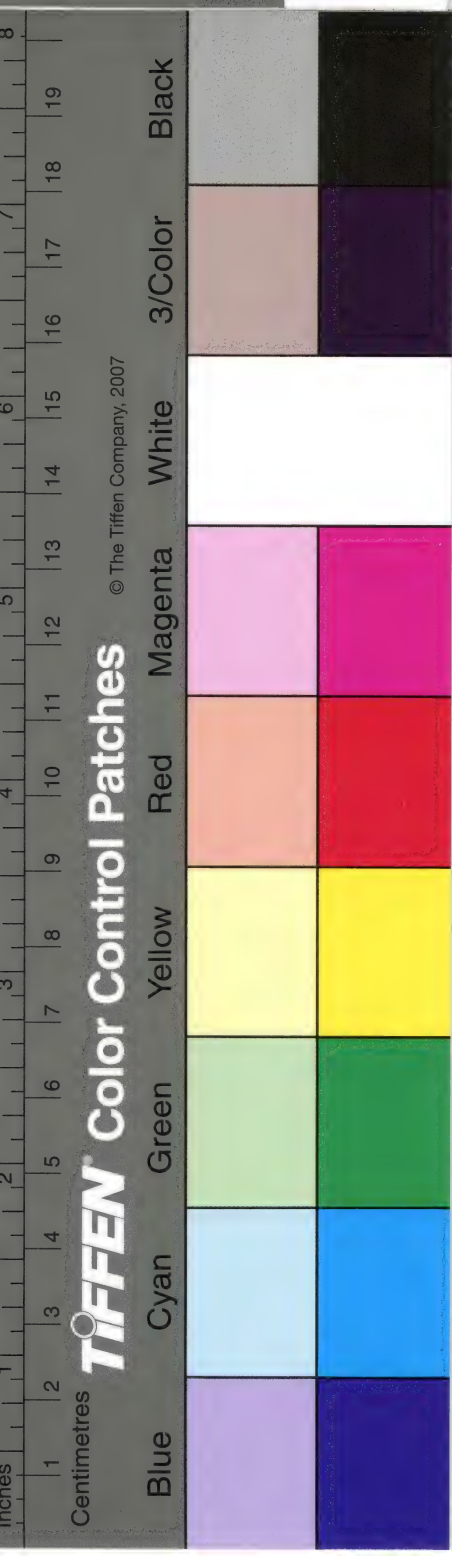
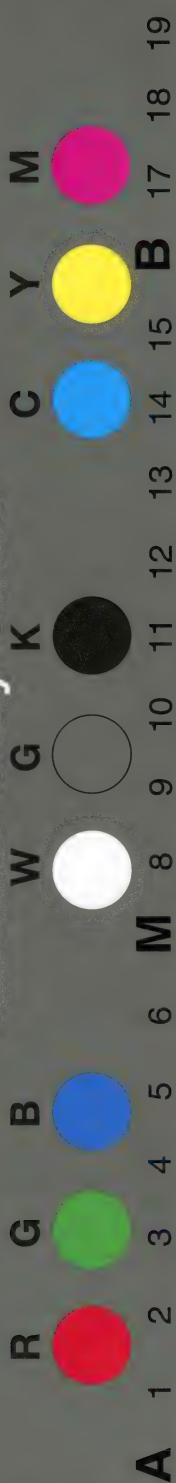
May your commendable endeavour
for the Promotion of Learning be crown'd with
Success.

You may be assur'd that I shall
recommend the Encouragement of the Library
Company where ever it shall be my lot to
Reside.

Clayton Case

Philadelphia 24th Nov^r 1760

N. B. See page 73 for the Time when the above Patent
for a Coat of Arms was given to the Company. —



At a Meeting of the Directors
December 8th 1760. —

Decem^r. 1760 Present. Sam: Rhoads, Ewan Morgan with the Treas-
-urer and Secretary. —

The Treasurer reported, that in Pursuance of the 4th Minutes of last Meeting, he has wrote to M^r. Franklin desi-
-ring him to acquaint M^r. Collinson of the Mistake menti-
-oned in said Minutes; and to appoint some proper Person
for a future Corrospondent; as M^r. Collinson has several
Times informed the Company that it is very inconvenient
for him to serve them any longer in that Capacity; and
likewise to send the Books contained in the Catalogue
then determined on. —

1761

January 12th 1761. —
Present

Richard Peters Samuel Rhoads
Fra^s Alison T. Cadwallader,
Librarian & Secretary. —

Peter Reeves applying for Permission to purchase a
Share in the Library, it was agreed that he should be
allowed so to do. —

Ordered, That the Treasurer be desired to write to M^r.
Franklin, by the first Opportunity, requesting him to
send us the Parliamentary History of England. —

February 9th 1761. —
Present

Richard Peters Thomas Cadwallader
Joseph Stetch Samuel Morris
Samuel Rhoads Francis Alison
Ewan Morgan with the Treasurer &
Secretary. —

M^r. Peters reported that the Hon^{ble} the Proprietaries
had acknowledged the Receipt of the printed Catalogues ordered
to be sent them in March last, and returned their Thanks to
the Directors for the same. —

Ordered

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Ordered, That the Secretary enquire of Mr. David Hall if he can furnish the Company with a compleat sett of the Feb^y. Votes of the House of Assembly of this Province. —

1761

Ordered, That the Treasurer be desired to send for D^r. Dod-ridges Sermons & Newtons Rhymistry by the first oppor-tunity. —

The Sec^y. is desired to enquire whether or no, Hill on the three Rhymical King doms is in the Library; and to make Report accordingly at the next Meeting. —

At a Meeting of the Directors
March 9th 1761. —

Present

Samuel Morris Francis Allison

Joseph Stretch & the Secretary

The Secretary laid before the Directors present a Letter from Peter Collinson; which was as follows viz.

"London October 6th 1760. —

"This will acquaint my Friend Hopkinson that I have packed up in a Paper Parcel the Books as under, committed to the Care of Merch^t. Neve to come by Capt. Bolitho. — In May I sent a Box of Books by Capt. Budden with a Letter of Advice, Value £7^{..} 17. — I have no Answer from the Library Company relating to my Acc^t. sent May 1st 1759 by Cap^t. Bolitho; nor any Notice of a Person to succeed me in their Affairs here —

"I am with Respect thy Friend

P. Collinson

✓ 4 Vol. Modern Hist.	8 ^{..}	£1 ^{..} 6 ^{..} 0
✓ Annual Register 1759	---	6 ^{..}
Mag. from May to Feb ^y .	---	6 ^{..}
Reviews for D ^r .	---	4
Charges	---	2 ^{..} 6 ^{..}
		£2 ^{..} 12 ^{..} 6

"The Parcel is directed to thee, for the Lib^y. Company."

The Secretary reported that he had enquired of David Hall for a compleat sett of the Votes of the Assembly of this Province for the Library Company, who promised to

supply the Company with said Votes.

The Secy. reported that Hill on the three Chymical Kingdoms was not in the Library.

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At a Meeting of the Directors

April 13th 1761 Present

Francis Alison

Thos Cadwallader

Evan Morgan

Samuel Rhoads

with the Secretary

The Secretary reported that W. Matthew Clarkson had desired him to inform the Directors that Mr. Samuel Hazard of this City deceased had in his Life Time collected a curious and valuable Assortment of Topics, and disposed the same in a Cabinet in methodical Order; which Cabinet after the Death of Mr. Hazard had devolved to him the said Clarkson, who being desirous to have a Share in the Library Company proposed that — if the Directors would give him a Fee simple Share in the said Library free from the usual Expence of 10^s p. Annum for his Life Time, he would assign over the said Cabinet of Curiosity to the Company — Upon which Report the Directors present desired Thos Cadwallader and Francis Alison to inspect & view the said Cabinet and make their Report accordingly at the next Meeting —

The Secretary is ordered to advertise the Annual Election of Directors &c in the next Paper; and for the future to do the same (without waiting for Orders from the Directors) according to the Laws of this Company.

May 11th 1761. At a Meeting of the Directors

Present.

Samuel Morris

Thomas Cadwalader

Jacob Duché

Samuel Rhoads

Joseph Stretch

William Coleman

Treasurer

& Secretary.

The Secretary produced the Return from the Election of Directors & a Treasurer, which was held at the Library-

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Room on Monday the 4th Instant; the Return is as follows.

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May 4th At an Election of Directors & a Treasurer for the Library Company of Philadelphia at their Annual Meeting held this Day; the following Members were chosen Directors and Treasurer.

Directors. —

	Votes		Votes
Richard Peters	14	Samuel Rhoads	14
Joseph Stretch	14	Samuel Morris	14
Philip Syng	11	Jacob Duché Sen ^r	14
Francis Alison	14	W ^m Coleman	14
Evan Morgan	14	Thos ^l Badwalader	14
Joseph Morris Treasurer		14.	

Inspectors present

Fra^l Alison

Jos^l Morris

Rob^t Greenway

Trd^l Hopkinson

The Treasurer produced his Account for the last Year which was examined, approved and signed by the Directors present; a Balance being found in favour of the Company amounting to £65.2.7¹/₂.

The Secretary also produced his Account which was examined, approved and an Order drawn on the Treasurer for the Payment of the same, it amounting to £12.17.9.

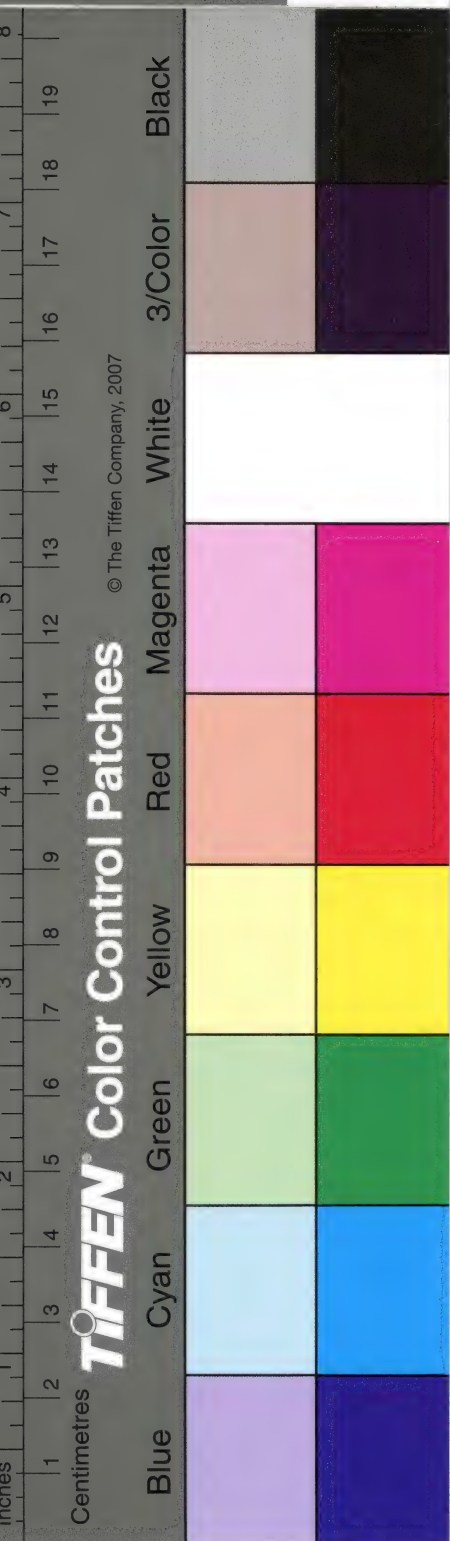
The Minute of last Meeting with respect to the Cabinet of Topols was continued, with this alteration, that Philip Syng be added to the Committee for inspecting the same.

June 8th 1761.

At a Meeting of the Directors

Present

Richard Peters Thomas Badwalader
Francis Alison Philip Syng
Joseph Stretch Evan Morgan
with the Secretary



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The Secretary laid before the Directors a Letter from Benjamin Franklin to the Treasurer, with an June Invoice of a Box of Books sent to the Company which 1761 Invoice & Letter, so far as it concerns the Company, are as follows. -

"Dear Friend

London Feb. 9. 20th 1761.

"I received yours of Oct: 21 & Nov: 11 relating
 "to the Library Affairs, which I have endeavoured to comply
 "with by engaging a very honest & diligent Book-seller
 "to provide & send the Books ordered by the Directors. Enclosed
 "is the Invoice & Bill of Lading. I hope they will come safe
 "to Hand & give Satisfaction. - He has by my Direction added
 "some late Books not in your List, but which I imagine the
 "Company would like to have. My best Respects to the Direc-
 "tors my old Friends, whom I long once more to see - I have
 "acquainted M^r. Collinson with the Mistake of the £30.
 "Bill and shall settle the Company's Account with him
 "as you desire - I believe he has put some Books into the
 "Box which he had bought for the Company before your
 "Letter to me came to hand"

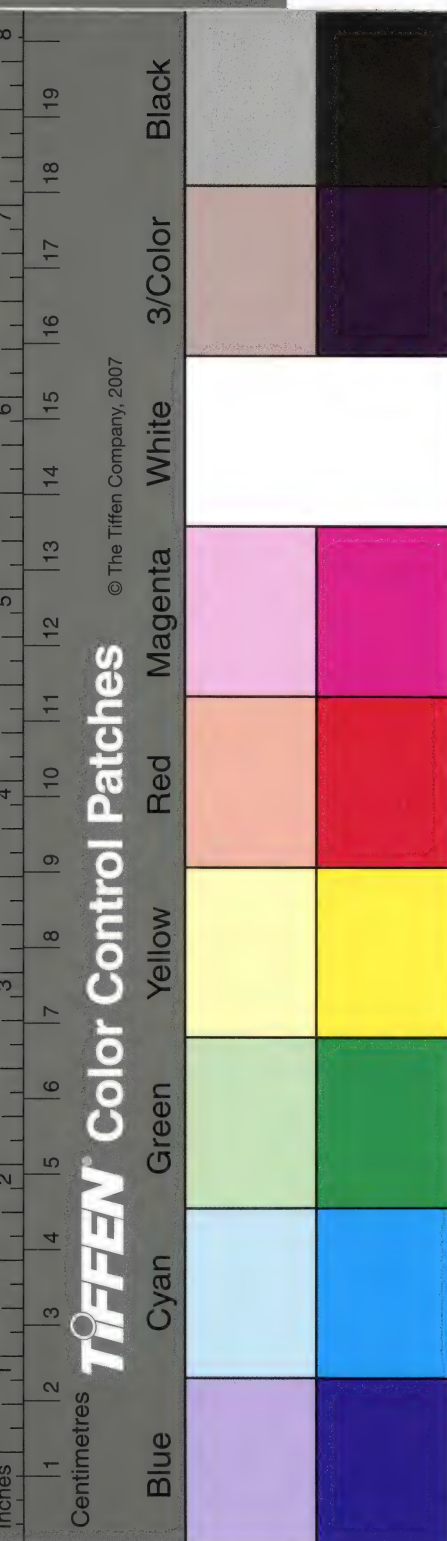
B. Franklin

To M^r. Jas. Morris.

London 1761 Benjamin Franklin Esq. D. to Tho. Becket
 (for the Library Company Philadelphia) shipped on Board the
 Dragon Capt. Hammet

Jan. 1 st	✓	Linnaeus on Botany. by Lee	8 ^{vo}	£	5
24 th	✓	Hill's British Herbal. Folio		1	10
L ^t C	✓	Magen's on Insurances. 2 Vol: Quarto		1	8
Philad ^a	✓	Rownings Nat: Philos: 2 Vol: 8 ^{vo}		1	4
	✓	Sherlocks Sermons - 4 Vol: 8 ^{vo}		1	0
	✓	Macquer's Chymistry - 2 Vol: 8 ^{vo}		1	10
	✓	D'a Costa's Nat: Hist: of Fossils Vol: 1 4 ^{to}		1	13
	✓	Davillas Hist: of France. 2 Vol: 4 ^{to}		1	15
	✓	Bautillon's Analysis of Trade &c		1	5
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Carried over



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	Brought over	£ 8. 0. 0
June 1761	✓ Du Hammel's Husbandry 4 ^o	" 15. -
	✓ Memoirs of a Protestant condemn'd to 4 Gallies	" 6. -
	✓ Cooper's Art of Distilling 8 ^{vo}	4. -
	✓ Clarendon's Posthumous Works 3 Vol.	" 18. -
	✓ Newton on Prophecy 3 Vol.	" 15. -
	✓ Dalrymple on Feudal Property	" 5. -
	✓ Harris's Justinian	" 15. -
	✓ Brit. Eng. into Opinions ant. Philosophers	" 4. 6
	✓ Abbe La Pluche's Evangelical Hist: 2 Vol	" 10. -
	✓ The figure of the Earth demonstrated	" 5
	✓ Warner's Life of 1 st Tho. Moore	" 5
	✓ Paschages Continuation of Josephus	" 18. -
	✓ Edwards's Canons of Criticism	" 5. -
	✓ Chapman's by der Maker	" 2. -
	✓ Handmaid to the Arts 2 Vol	" 12. -
	✓ Smallet's Hist: of England 4 Vol: 4 ^o	3. 10. -
	✓ Jewish Letters 3 Vol.	" 15. -
	✓ Memoirs of the Bathaw Count Bonneval 8 ^{vo}	" 6. -
	✓ Lord Lyttleton's Dialogues	" 5. -
	✓ Gornick's Sermons 2 Vol	" 6. -
	✓ Walker's Voyages	" 6. -
	✓ Bircher's Life of P. Henry	" 6. -
	✓ Montaigne on Republics	" 5. -
	✓ Webb on Painting	" 3. -
	✓ Hooker's Negotiations	" 4. 6
	✓ Ferguson's Lectures	" 7. 6
	✓ Hurd's Dialogues	" 5. -
	✓ Fragments of antient Poetry	" 1. -
	✓ Historical Law Tracts	" 6. -
	✓ Principles of Equity fol	" 16. -
	✓ Law of Coroners	" 10. 6
	✓ Fabricius's Letters	" 5. -
	Considerations on the German War	" 2. -
	Vindication of the Ministry	" 0. 6.
	Revolutions in Bengal	" 2. -
	Box, Cordage, Custom House Entry's Bills of Lad. &c	" 15. -
	Freight & Primage	" 12. 6
	Insurance on £24 at 12 Guineas p. c.	3. 0. 6
		£ 28. 9. 6

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The Directors who were appointed by a Minute
of a former Meeting to view the Cabinet of Fossils, report
that the same must remain unintelligible till Mr.
Clarkson produces a regular numerical Index of the
contents, which has promised to furnish them with.

July 13th 1761 - At a Meeting of the Directors

Present

Samuel Morris

Tho^d Badwallader

Philip Syng

Samuel Rhoads

Francis Alison

Joseph Stretch

Treasurer

&

Secretary

It was proposed that some Regulation should be determined
on with respect to the Recording the certificates of those who
have a Right to Shares in the Library, and it was ordered that
a careful Enquiry be made by the Secretary (to be approved of by
the Directors) into the Rights of all the present Members, and
that a general Certificate or Testimony signed by the Directors
be entered in a Book appointed for that Purpose; and that
for the future every original Certificate, & every Transfer or
Sale of a Share be recorded by the ~~Secretary~~ Secretary in
said Book; the Person so purchasing paying him the Fee
or Perquisite of 2/6 for each Record.

August 10th 1761 At a Meeting of the Directors

Present

Francis Alison

Tho^d Badwallader

Joseph Stretch

Samuel Rhoads

Joseph Morris

No Business done for want of more Directors.

September 14th 1761 At a Meeting of the Directors

Present

Samuel Morris

Tho^d Badwallader

Evan Morgan

Samuel Rhoads

Jacob Duché

The Minute of July last was renewed and the Secretary
ordered to execute the same

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October 12th 1761 At a Meeting of the Directors

Present

William Coleman Samuel Rhoads
Evan Morgan Tho^l Cadwallader
Francis Alison Philip Syng
Joseph Morris Robert Greenway

Ordered, that Enquiry be made by Mr. Greenway whether Mr. Peters has sent our Telescope to England to be repaired; and if he has not that it be sent by our Treasurer Mr. Joseph Morris to Mr. Franklin, to get it done in the best Manner.

November 9th 1761 At a Meeting of Directors

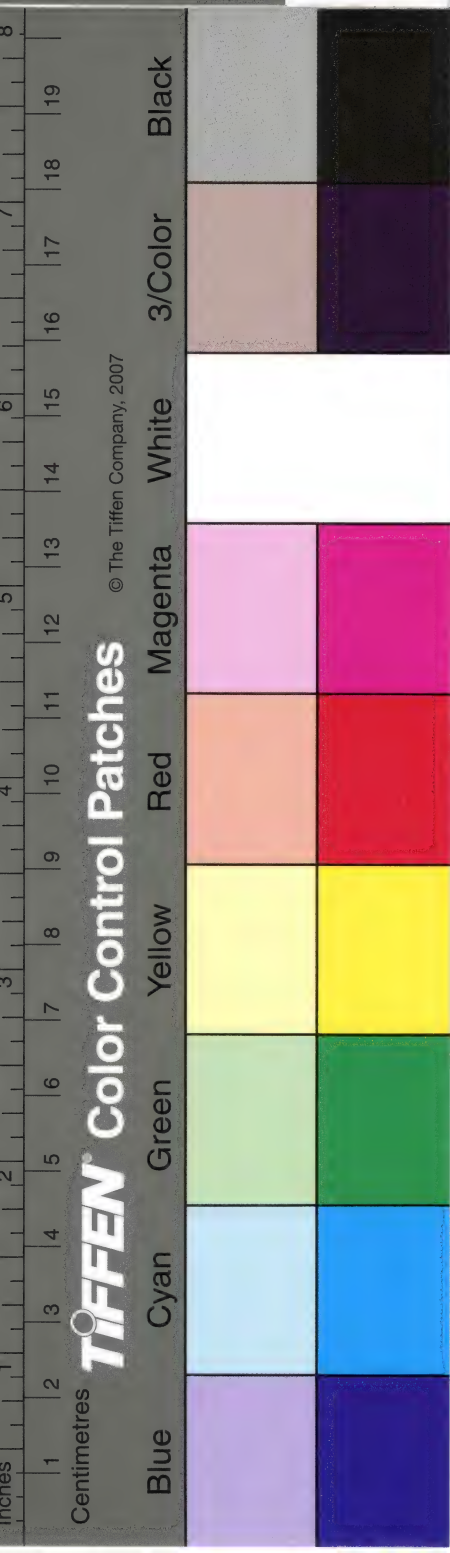
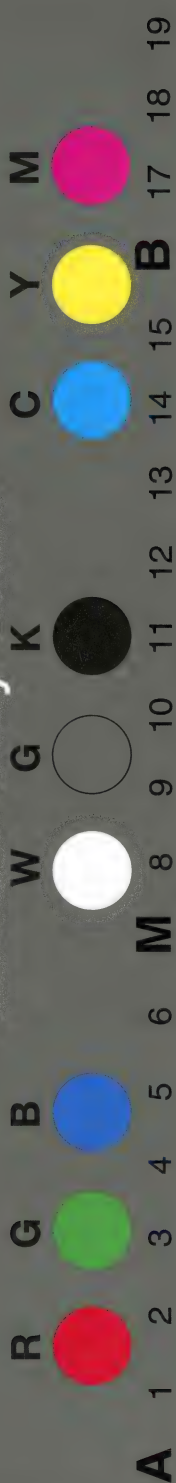
Present

Richard Peters Tho^l Cadwallader
Francis Alison Samuel Morris
Samuel Rhoads Joseph Morris
Francis Hopkinson

The Secretary reported that in consequence of the Minute of July last he had enquired into the Rights of many of the Members of the Library Company, and accounted to the Directors present for the same (A few yet remain to be enquired into, which he is desired to do against the next Meeting.)

The Treasurer reported that Mr. Amos Stettel, had presented the Company with the 1st & 2^d Vol^s of D^r Highlands Lectures.

Charles Thompson, Isaac Paschall, William Bingham, Michael Hillegas & the Secretary were appointed to review the Books in the Library, & represent to the Directors at their next Meeting, the present State and Condition of said Library; whether or no the Books are all there agreeable to the Catalogue; and what Repairs and Amendments may be necessary.



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December 14th 1761 At a Meeting of Directors

Present

Samuel Rhoads Tho^s Badwallader
Joseph Hetch Joseph Morris
Francis Hopkinson

The Minute of last Meeting with respect to the Examining of the Books in the Library is continued.

John Seanson applied to be admitted a Member of the Company; John Jones deceased having bequeathed his share to him by his last Will & Testament. The Directors therefore admitted said John Seanson upon his producing to the Secretary the said Will, or an Authentic Copy of it, and having that Cause by which he claims entered in the Company's Book of Records.

The Treasurer reported that he had sent the Telescope to Benjamin Franklin Esq^r Friend in order to have the same repaired, as directed by a former Minute.

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January 11th 1762, At a Meeting of Directors

Present

Jacob Duché Tho^s Badwallader
Evan Morgan Treasurer
Librarian & Secretary

Upon the Secretary's producing to the Directors present an authentic Extract from the last Will & Testament of John Jones deceased, signed by the Clerk of the Reg^t Gen^l Office whereby said John Jones bequeathed his share in the Library to John Seanson; the Directors admitted said Seanson a Member of the Company; and desired said Extract to be recorded.

The Secretary was desired to wait on M^r Broekden and receive from him the Proprietor's Patent for a Lot of Ground for the Library Company, which was left with him in order to be recorded.

The Minute of November last, with respect to the examining the Books in the Library, was continued with this attention; that any three of the Persons there appointed for that Service should be sufficient to execute the Business assigned them; as the Secretary reported that he could not get them all to agree in a Time for that Purpose.

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February 8th 1762, At a Meeting of the
Directors Present

Tho^s Cadwallader Samuel Rhoads
& the Secretary.

The Secretary reported that Edward Shepsher Esquire
desired to be admitted a Member of the Library Company: Tench
Francis, who now holds two Shares, being willing to transfer
One of them to said Edward Shepsher. To which the Directors
present consented. The Minute of last Meeting is continued.

March 8th 1762, At a Meeting &
Present

Tho^s Cadwallader & the Secretary.
No Business done.

April 12th 1762, At a Meeting &
Present

Joseph Stretch, Tho^s Cadwallader,
Evan Morgan, Samuel Rhoads,
Jacob Duché, the Treasurer &
Secretary

In Consequence of a former Minute, the Secretary
had received from Mr. Brockden the Proprietors Patent for
a Lot of Ground to the Library Company (dated January
17th 1760, & recorded in Patent Book A Vol. 19th Page 545 &c.)
which was ordered to be read to the Directors present, who re-
ceived it with grateful Acknowledgements, & desired the
same might be deposited in the Library with the Charter.

At a general Election held at the Library
on Monday the 3^d of May 1762, under the Inspection of
Francis Alison, Evan Morgan, Charles Thomson, the Treasurer,
Secretary & Librarian: the following Persons were chosen.
Directors. Richard Peters, Thomas Cadwallader, William Cole-
man, Evan Morgan, Joseph Stretch, Francis Alison, Samuel
Rhoads, Charles Thomson, Isaac Paschall, Samuel Shoemaker.
Treasurer. Joseph Morris.

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May 10th 1762. At a Meeting &
Present

Richard Peters, Thomas Badwallader,
Samuel Rhoads, Francis Alison,
Joseph Stretch, Charles Thomson.
Isaac Paschall, the Treasurer,
Librarian, & Secretary. —

The Secretary produced to the Directors the Return of the last Election. —

John Dickinson Esq^r applied by D^r Badwallader to be admitted a Member of the Library Company; to which the Directors present unanimously agreed. —

The Treasurer produced his last Year's Account, which was examined and approved of; a Ballance being found in Favour of the Library Company amounting to £134.5.7½.

The Librarian also produced his Account, which was likewise examined & approved of, a Ballance being found in his Favour of £11.9.4. which the Treasurer was desired to pay.

And the Secretary produced his Accounting amounting to £6.9.8, which was examined, approved, & the Treas^r desired to pay.

All the Directors present were requested to produce, at the next Meeting, a List of Books which they can recommend for the Use of the Library Company: But particularly Richard Peters, Tho^s Badwallader, Fra^s Alison & Charles Thomson were appointed a Committee for that Purpose.

The Secretary is desired to give Notice to all the Directors against the next Meeting that their Attendance is particularly requested, to consult about a Matter of great Consequence to the Library Company.

M^r Peters is appointed to write a Letter of Thanks in Behalf of the Library Company to the Proprietor for his Patent for a Lot of Ground to said Company.

The Secretary is desired to procure from David Hall a complete Set of Votes of the House of Assembly, & a Continuation of his Gazette bound up, & added to those already in the Library. —

Isaac Paschall & Charles Thomson were appointed to employ proper Persons to fence in, with a Post & Rail Fence,

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the Lot of ground belonging to the Library company, and the Treasurer is hereby desired to pay any Expences that may arise for that Purpose.

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Whereas the Fine of one Shilling is found insufficient to engage the attendance of the Directors at their Monthly Meetings, it was put to the vote, & carried in the affirmative that the fine for absences shall for the future be Two Shillings for the Benefit of the House where said Directors shall keep their Meetings.

At a Meeting of the Directors
June 14th 1762.

Present

Francis Alison Tho.^d Cadwallader
Isaac Paschal Jos. Morris Treas^r

As most of the Directors were absent no Business was done

At a Meeting & July 12th 1762
Present.

Richard Peters Tho.^d Cadwallader
Sam.^l Aberts Joseph Stetch
Fra.^d Alison Charles Thomson
Librarian & Secretary.

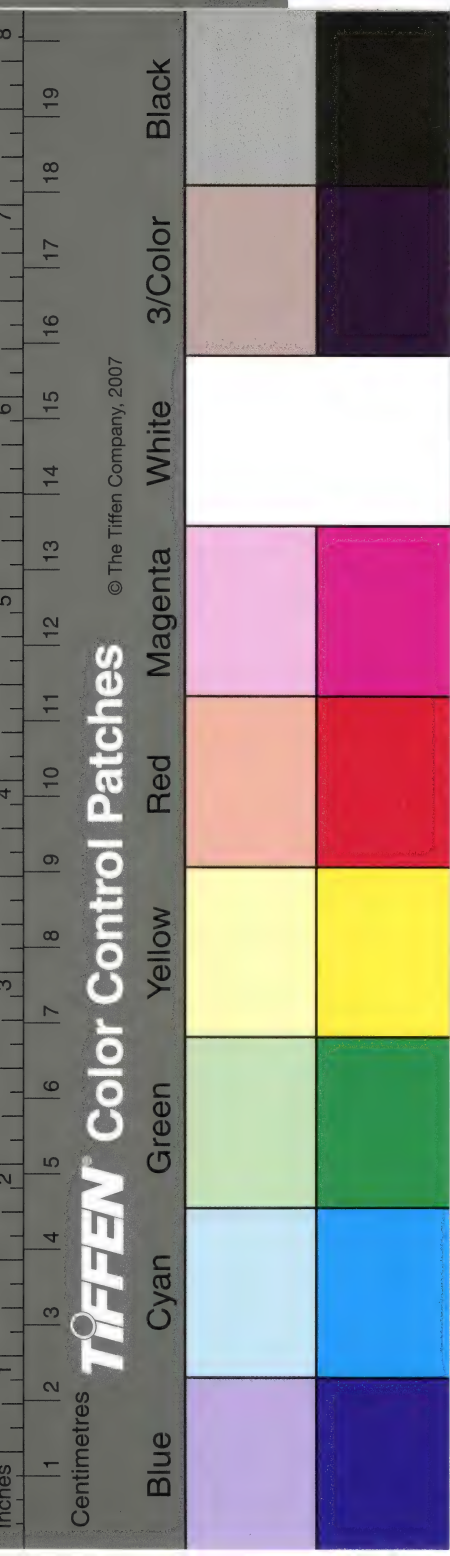
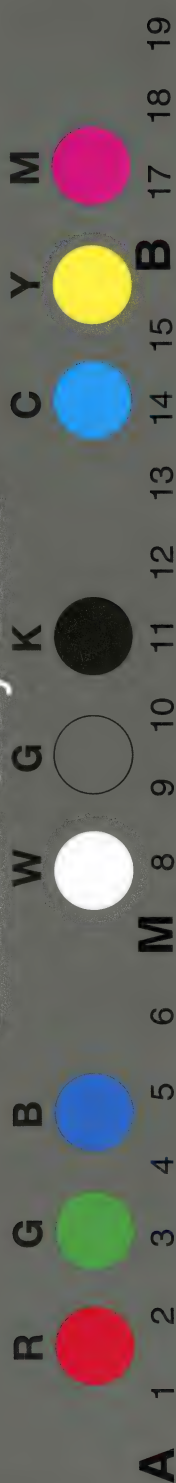
The Secretary is desired to bring in at the next Meeting all those catalogues of Books formerly proposed to be sent for which he has by him.

The Directors present gave their Opinions with respect to the Alteration of the Purchase Money for Shares in the Library company; but the matter was left to further consideration.

At a Meeting & August 9th 1762.
Present

Charles Thomson, Tho.^d Cadwallader
Francis Alison, Treasurer
& Secretary

Mess^{rs} James Humphry's & Daniel Whistar applied for



Aug^t 1762 Permission to purchase Shares in the Library Company, which was assented to by the Directors present.

The Secretary was desired to urge the Committee formerly appointed to examine the State of the Library and the Condition of the Books, to hasten that Service, and make their Report to the Directors.

The Secretary in consequence of the Minute of last Meeting produced several catalogues of Books for the Libr^y Comp^y; but nothing could be done therein for want of a Board of Directors.

The considering of the Alteration of the Purchase Money for Shares in the Libr^y Comp^y was also deferred, for the same Reason.

It was the Opinion of the Directors present that it is necessary for the Librarian to attend in Person at the Library on the Days appointed for that Purpose; and as the present Librarian hath not hitherto complied with this Rule, the Secretary is desired to enquire of him, whether ^{or no} it will suit his Business so to do; and if he finds it will not, to look out for some Person to whom it will be convenient, and make Report at the next Meeting.

The Secretary is also desired to enquire of Sam^l Shoemaker if his Business will permit him to attend the Monthly Meetings of the Directors; that another may be chose in his Room, if it should not suit his Convenience to serve in that Capacity.

At a Meeting of the Directors

Sept^r 13th 1762

Present

Charles Thomson, Joseph Stretch

The Secretary reported that he had waited on Mr. Greenway with a Copy of the Minute made at last Meeting respecting the Duty of a Librarian; who gave in Answer that he did not think himself obliged to Take any Notice of a Minute made by any Number of Directors less than what is constituted a Board by the Charter.

The Secretary also reported that he had waited on Mr. Shoemaker to know if it would suit him to serve as a Director, who desired the present Directors might be informed that as his Business called him much out of Town particularly in the Summer Season it was not in his Power to do his

Sept. 1762 his Duty in that Office; and therefore prayed that another might be elected in his Room; but hoped they would not look on it as a slight to them, or an Indifference to the Good of the Company. —

The Secretary is desired to inform the Directors against the next Meeting, that a new Director will be chosen in the Room of Mr. Samuel Shoemaker. —

At a Meeting &c October 11th 1762 —

Present —

Richard Peters, Tho: Cadwallader,
Charles Thomson, Francis Alison,
Samuel Rhoads, & Treasurer &
Secretary

Mess^{rs} Peters, Alison and Thomson were appointed a Committee for conferring with Mr. David Hall or any other Bookseller in this City, about the Purchase of Books for the Library Company, as it is imagined they may be had as cheap from them as by Importation, which Committee are to make their Report at the next Meeting; and as there is this Evening a Catalogue of Books agreed to be sent for, the said Committee are desired to purchase the same or any Part thereof if they can do it as reasonably as the same Books may be imported; and draw upon the Treasurer for the Amount of Books so purchased. —

The former Minute respecting the fencing in the Lot of Ground belonging to the Library Company, is continued.

At a Meeting &c Nov: 8th 1762. —

Present —

Samuel Rhoads, Fra: Alison
Joseph Stretch Charles Thomson
Isaac Paschal the Librarian
& Secretary.

The Secretary reported that Dr. Franklin had brought with him from London the Telescope belonging to the Library which was sent over to be repaired; the Secretary is therefore desired to enquire of Dr. Franklin what are the En-

Expences arising on this Service, that an Order may be drawn on the Treasurer for Payment of the same.

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W. Thomson reported that D. Franklin had also brought with him the 31st Vol: of the modern Universal History, a Pamphlet and a Book of Painted Insects &c for the Library, all which the Secretary is desired to receive from W. Thomson, and lodge them with the Telescope in the Library.

Mr. Peters not attending, no Report was made respecting the Price for which the Booksellers in this City can afford to furnish the Library with Books; the former Minute is therefore continued.

The Minute respecting the fencing in of the Library Lot, is also continued.

The Directors present unanimously agreed that D. B. Franklin be elected a Director in the Room of W. Samuel Shoemaker, who declines serving; but as there was not a Board, the Secretary is desired to collect the Votes of the absent Directors; and if a Majority should agree to choose D. Franklin, he is desired to serve him with a Notice to attend at the next Meeting.

At a Meeting &c Dec^r 13th 1762.

Present

B. Franklin	Charles Thomson
Joseph Stretch	Samuel Rhoads
Richard Peters	Isaac Puschall
Fra ^r Alison & ^r Secretary	

Mr. Peters, Fra^r Alison & C. Thomson reported that, in consequence of a former Minute they had waited on the Booksellers in this City and inquired of them at what Rate they could afford to supply the Library with Books, to which they received in Answer from W. David Hall & W. Wm. Dunlap that they could not supply the Library with Books at a lower Rate than 125th Cent; that W. Bradford offered to do it for 120 and Mess^{rs} Rivington and Brown for 5th Cent over and above the Sterling Price and Expences of Importation.

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The Secy. reported that the Telescope with all the Books, Pamphlets &c (excepting a Packet in Dr. Franklin's Hands, not yet opened) were lodged in the Library. —

Dr. Franklin reported that he had settled and discharged the Library Account with Mr. Collison when in London, but had not yet prepared said Account for the Inspection of the Directors. —

It was the unanimous Opinion of the Directors present that it will be proper to accept of Mr. Hall's Proposals for furnishing the Books lately agreed to be added to the Library; after which they will be able to form a better Judgement which Method of providing Books for the Library will be most advantageous. —

The Minute respecting the Examination of the State of the Library was again considered, and it was concluded that only three of the Committee appointed for that Service shall be sufficient to proceed in the Business whether the Librarian attends or not.

The Minute also respecting the Fencing in the Lot of Ground belonging to the Library Company was reinforced, and the Committee appointed urged to execute the same. —

The Directors present agreed that Mr. Matthew Clarkson have a Right to a Share in the Library Comp^y. in Consideration of a Cabinet of Topiols, which he some-time ago lodged in the Library; and ordered that the Thanks of the Directors be given him for the same. —

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At a Meeting &c January 10th 1763. —

Present

B. Franklin

Fra^s AlisonJas^s ParibellTho^s Cadwallader

Charles Thomson &

Secretary

The Committee appointed for examining the State of the Library made their Report; in which, a great Number of Books were found missing: Upon which the Secy. was ordered to serve the Librarian with a Copy of said Report that he may give some Account of them to the Directors
at

at their next Meeting.

It is referred to be considered at the next Meeting January whether or no all Letters respecting the Purchasing of Books 1763 should not be wrote and signed by the Secretary and approved by the Directors, and all Letters and Invoices of Books sent to the Company, directed to him; as it will then be in his Power to to enter them in the Book of Minutes; by which Means a faithful Account of the Books in the Library will be found in said Book of Minutes.

At a Meeting &c February 14th 1763.

Present

B. Franklin

R. Peters

F. Alison

T. Cadwallader

J. Stretch

S. Rhoads

G. Thomson the Treasurer

& Secretary.

The Secretary reported that, in Pursuance of the Minute of last Meeting, he had send the Librarian with a Copy of the Report made by ^a Committee appointed to examine the State of the Library; but the Librarian being sick, no Answer is returned.

It was agreed that for the future all Letters respecting the Library Company be wrote by the Secretary and approved by the Directors; and all Letters to the Company directed to him.

M^r David Potts applied to be admitted a Member of the Company; having purchased the Share of M^r Robert Greave: To which the Directors readily assented.

John Dickinson Esq^r was unanimously elected a Director of the Library Company in the Room of M^r Evan Morgan deceased; and the Secretary ordered to notify the same to him.

M^r Thomson, at the Request of the Directors, undertook to examine the Pamphlets, Magazines, Reviews &c in the Library, purchase what may be wanting to compleat the Setts, sort them according to their several Subjects and Numbers, and have them well bound and lettered on the Back; and further that he

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he will take care to have the Books in the Library which may want Repair, new Bound, or amended.

The Secretary is desired to urge M. Greenway to account to the Directors for the Books missing in y^e Libry.

It was agreed that the Magazines & Reviews be for the Future sent for to England half bound, in regular Volumes, for the Use of the Company.

M. Thomson likewise undertook to Remedy the Inconvenience of a Want of Room for the Books in the Library, by supplying the Library Room with all necessary and convenient additions of Shelves, &c. and is desired to draw upon the Treasurer for the Expenses attending these several Services; which the Treasurer is hereby desired to pay.

D^r Alison mentioning that he had purchased at an Auction 13 Vol.^s entitled the Bangorian Controversy, and 2 Vol.^s entitled Hume's History of the Stewart Family, which several Books he was willing to dispose of to the Library for the Price which he gave viz. £2.9. The Directors agreed to accept of the same at that Price, and desired the Treasurer to pay M. Alison the said Sum of £2.9. upon his lodging the said Books in the Library.

D^r Franklin undertook to examine the Electrical Machine in the Library, and to put the same in Order, if no Part of it is wanting.

D^r Franklin and M. Thomson have further undertaken to remedy the Inconvenience of the Minerals, Ores &c. in the Library being wrapped in Paper which is continually liable to wear, and the Numbers on them to be defaced.

Mess^{rs} R. Peters, S. Rhoads and the Treasurer were appointed a Committee to take care that the Library Lott be well fenced in with a Cedar Post & Rail Fence.

Received this 21st Day of February 1763 of Joseph Morris Treasurer to the Library Company of Philadelphia, a Certificate or Right to a Share in the Estate, Books and Effects of the said Company; in Consideration of, & Satisfaction for, a Cabinet of Minerals, Ores &c sent to the said Library by me.

Matthew Jackson

At a Meeting of the Directors &c
March 14th 1763;

Present

Richard Peters Tho^l Cadwallader
Samuel Rhoads Charles Thomson
Joseph Stretch John Dickinson

& the Secretary

Mr Thomson reported that he had made a considerable Progress in examining, sorting &c the Pamphlets in the Library and getting them bound; but had not yet compleated the Work

Mr Thomson also reported that he had complied with the Minute of last Meeting respecting the Addition of Shelves in the Library Room, and finds there is Room enough for the Books for some Time to come

Mr Thomson further informed the Directors that Dr Franklin and himself had considered the Minute for amending the Apartment of the Minerals, Ores &c in the Library, and found no better Method than to get a good Lock put on the Cabinet containing said Fossils; The Directors therefore desired the Secretary to take the Key of said Lock into his Possession; & to attend whenever any Person should be desirous of viewing the same; that Care may be taken to keep them in good Order and Regularity

The Minute respecting the fencing in the Lot of Ground belonging to the Company is continued, with this Alteration, that Thomas Cadwallader be added to the Committee appointed for that Service

It

It is recommended to be considered at the next
March 1763 - Meeting what Laws to propose at the approaching gen-
 eral Meeting or Annual Election, for the good of the Com-
 pany; particularly respecting the Price of Shares in the
 Library and the enabling the Directors to sell Duplicates
 and other useless and improper Books, which are now
 or may hereafter be lodged in the said Library. - The
 Secretary is therefore desired to notify to the Directors -
 against their next Meeting, that a Matter of great Im-
 portance to the Library is to be considered. —

At a Meeting of the Directors &c.
 April 11th 1763. -
 Present

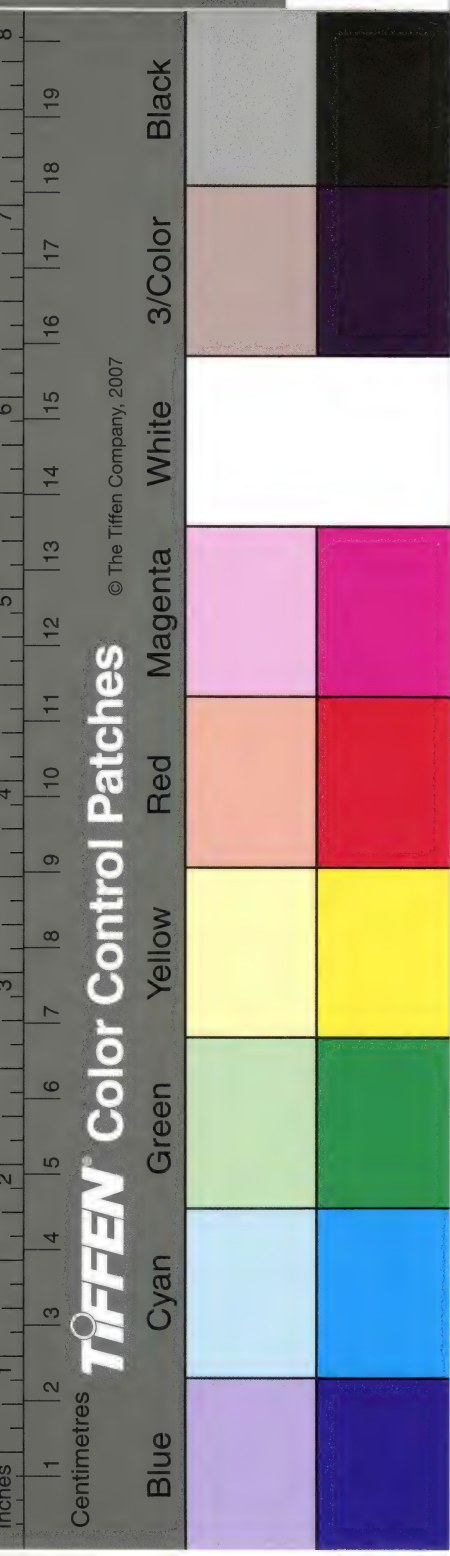
W ^m Coleman	Benj ^d Franklin
C: Thomson	S ^r Rhoads
Joseph Stetch	Fra ^s Alison
Richard Peters	Tho ^s Badwallader
The Librarian & Secretary. —	

Charles Thomson & the Secretary were desired to
 settle with the Librarian the Account of missing Books,
 returned by the Committee appointed to examine the State
 of the Library; that the whole may be compleated before
 the next Annual Election. —

M^r. Thomson produced a Receipt from the Librarian
 for the 36th Vol: of the Modern History. —

A general Election was held at the Library Room
 on Monday the Second Day of May 1763 under the Inspection
 of Francis Alison, Joseph Morris & Francis Hopkinson;
 at which Time no Alteration was made in the offi-
 cers of the Last Year, excepting that Jacob Shoemaker
 was chosen in the Room of Isaac Paschal who declined
 serving on Account of his ill State of Health. —

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At a Meeting of the Directors
May 9th 1763. —
Present

Samuel Aboads Tho^s badwallader
Francis Alison Jacob Shoemaker
Joseph Morris Treas^r
Francis Hopkinson Sec^y

It was recommended to the Committee appointed to settle the acc^t of Books missing from the Library, to urge Mr. Greenway to said Settlement.

The Secretary is desired to give notice against the next meeting that the Attendance of every Director is particularly desired, in order to settle the Accounts of the past Year.

At a Meeting of the Directors
June 13th 1763. —
Present.

R: Peters Thomas badwallader
Joseph Stretch Charles Thomson
Samuel Aboads Jacob Shoemaker
John Dickinson Tra^s Alison
& the Secretary.

The Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported, that the Library Lot is now fenced in; upon which the Directors desired said Committee to let out the Lot the greatest Advantage they can. —

The Secretary produced his account amounting to £6.1. which was examined & approved, and the Treasurer ordered to pay the same. —

The Secretary reported that the Widow Biddle had declined keeping a Public House any longer; upon which the Directors agreed to meet for the future at the Indian Leen, & desired the Secretary to inform the Keeper of the said Inn of their Intention. —

Mr. Greenway being in an ill State of Health & declining to serve the Company any longer as Librarian. Mess^{rs} Thomson, Shoemaker & the Secretary were desired to speak with Mr. Edmund Physick, & lay before him the Conditions on which the

Librarian has hitherto served; & if he accepts of the same, to place him in that Office, he giving the usual Security: But, June if he should object to the smallness of the Salary, the Committee have a Power to offer him the Sum of £10. — p^r. Annuum for that Service. —

At a Meeting of the Directors:

Present July 11th 1763.

Sam^l. Rhoads Tho^l. Cadwallader
Chas^l. Thomson Richard Peters
Thos^l. Alison Jacob. Shoemaker

& the Secretary

Charles Thomson produced a Receipt from the Librarian for 14 Volumes of the London Magazine bound: Viz: for the Years 1735-36-37-38-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-48-50 & 51.

The Minute respecting the letting out the Lot of Ground belonging to the Company is continued. —

The Sec^y. is desired to find out the Librarian's Bond for the faithful Execution of his Office. —

It was agreed that M^r. John Edwards be the Librarian to the Company if he complies with the usual conditions on which the Librarian hath hitherto undertaken that Office; & Mess^{rs}. C. Thomson, J. Shoemaker & the Sec^y. were appointed a Committee to confer with M^r. Edwards about this Matter.

At a Meeting of the Directors

August 8th 1763.

Present

Tho^l. Cadwallader Jacob Shoemaker
Samuel Rhoads Joseph Stretch
The Treasurer & Secretary. —

The Minute respecting the renting out the Lot of Ground belonging to the Company was continued. —

The Secretary having found among the Library Papers a copy of the original Warrant from the Proprietor, for surveying a Lot of Ground for the Company; he was desired to carry it to the present Surveyor General & get him to certify the same to be a true & genuine Copy of the said Original. —

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At a Meeting of the Directors
September 11th 1763.

Present

Francis Alison Tho^s Cadwallader
Samuel Rhoads.

No Business done.

At a Meeting of the Directors
October 10th 1763.

Present

Joseph Stretch Tho^s Cadwallader
Joseph Morris & Fra^s Hopkinson.

No Business done.

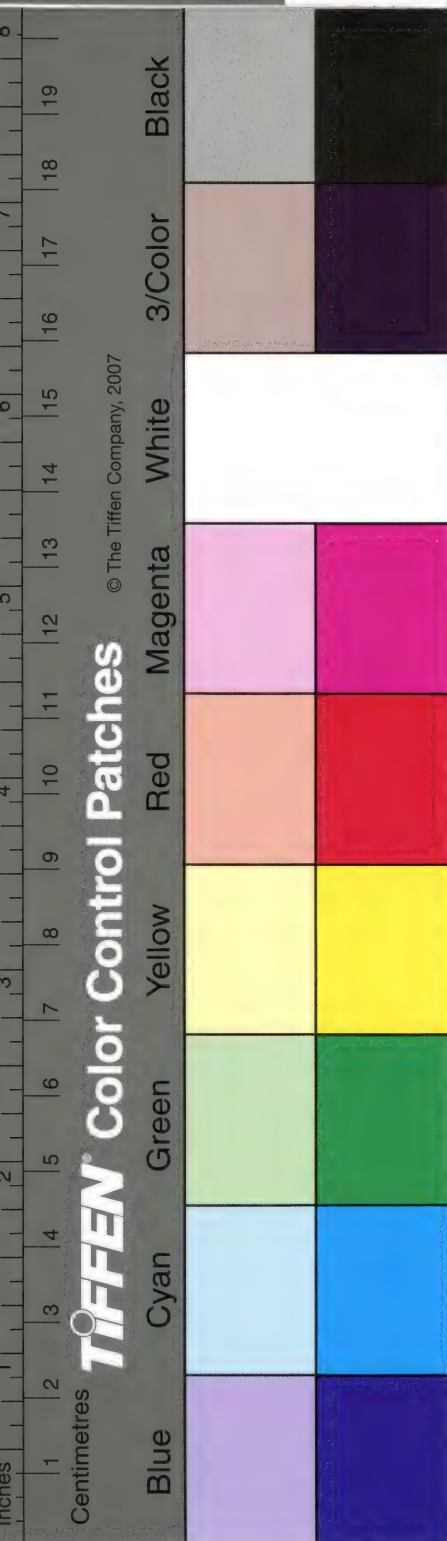
At a Meeting of the Directors
November 14th 1763

Present

Benj^s Franklin Rich^d Peter^s
Joseph Stretch Jacob Shoemaker
Sam^l Rhoads Cha^s Thomson
Fra^s Alison Tho^s Cadwallader
Jos^s Morris & Fra^s Hopkinson

The Treasurer produced his account from
May 1762 to May 1763; which was examined and
approved: the ballance in favour of the company
amounting to £183. 19. 11¹/₂.

The Secretary reported that M^r Coleman had
desired his Respects to the Board & begg'd the Favour
of them to choose some Person to serve as a Director
in his Room, as he found it injurious to his Health
to be out in the Evening, and therefore could not attend
their Meetings any longer: Upon which the Directors
agreed that Edward Shippen Esquire should supply
his Place; and at the same Time desired the Sec^y in
the Name of the Board to inform M^r Coleman, that it
is with Regret they part with a Member who has ser-
ved so long & so faithfully, and who had the Good of
the Company so much at Heart; but that they had
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such a Regard to his Health that ^{they} could not but acquiesce in his Reasons for declining the Office of Director.

The Secretary produced to the Board 2 Vol^s in Quarto entitled *Belle's Travels*, which he informed them was a Present from the Proprietaries to the Company: Upon which the Board, considering the many Favours which this Company hath from Time to Time received from the Hon^{ble} Proprietors of this Province, agreed, that it would be highly proper for them to address the Hon^{ble} John Penn Esq^r upon his Appointment to this Government & safe Arrival here, as he is one of that Family. It was therefore resolved, that J^r Franklin, Thos Cadwallader, & Samuel Rhoads be a Committee for preparing an Address to the Governor; & the Secretary is desired to summons the Directors to meet at Eleven o'Clock on Thursday next in order to consider the same.

An Invoice was produced to the Board of a Number of Books which M^r David Hall had imported for the Company agreeable to their Order; a Copy of which Invoice follows: viz:

" Invoice of Books for the Phil^l Lib^y Comp^y.

Biographia Britannica	6 Vols.	L 8. 5. 0
Bacon on Government		13.
Mackenzies Lives of Scots Writers	3 Vols.	1. 16.
Twright's Clavis Coelestis		1. 5.
Smith's System of Optics	2 Vols.	1. 11. 6
Buschings Geography	6 Vol.	4. 18.
Guicciardini's History, English	10 Vols.	2. 10.
Postlewayt's Dictionary	2 Vols.	4. 4
Charlevoix Hist: of America	2 Vols.	0. 9.
Fredrician Code	2 Vols.	0. 13.
Peruvian Letters		0. 2. 9
Rutherford's Institutes	2 Vols.	0. 11. 6
Ralphs Hist: of England	2 Vols.	3. 18.
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Brought over. — — — — — £

Nov^r 1763 Tindall's Continuation from George 2^d. 2 Vols 0. 11. 0

Hutchinson's Moral Phil: 2 Vols: 1. 13.

Hume's Hist: of England 6 Vols: 4. 4. 0

Bayle's Introductⁿ to the Languages 5

Blackstones Analysis &c 3 Vols 13. 6

Port Royals Latin Grammar 2 Vols: 11. 6

Masers's Dissertatⁿ on Neg: Signs 11. 6

Landen on Resid. g. Analysis 2. 3

Humourist 2. 9

Hellary on y^e Small Pox 4.

Campbells Political State of Europe 5. 6

De Witts true Interest of the Dutch 5. 6

Stones Constructⁿ of Mathem: Instrum^t 1. 4.

Jackson's Chronology 3 Vols: 1. 18.

Gentleman's Magazine from 1756 to 1762 incl: 2. 3. 9

London D^o from 1747, 1751, 1752, 1753, 1756,
1757, 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761 } 3. 8. 9
1762; both these sets 1/2 bound

Annual Register for 1760, 1761, 1762 16. 6

" Monthly Review from 1752 being vol 8
to 27 inclusive, 20 Volumes } 6. 10.

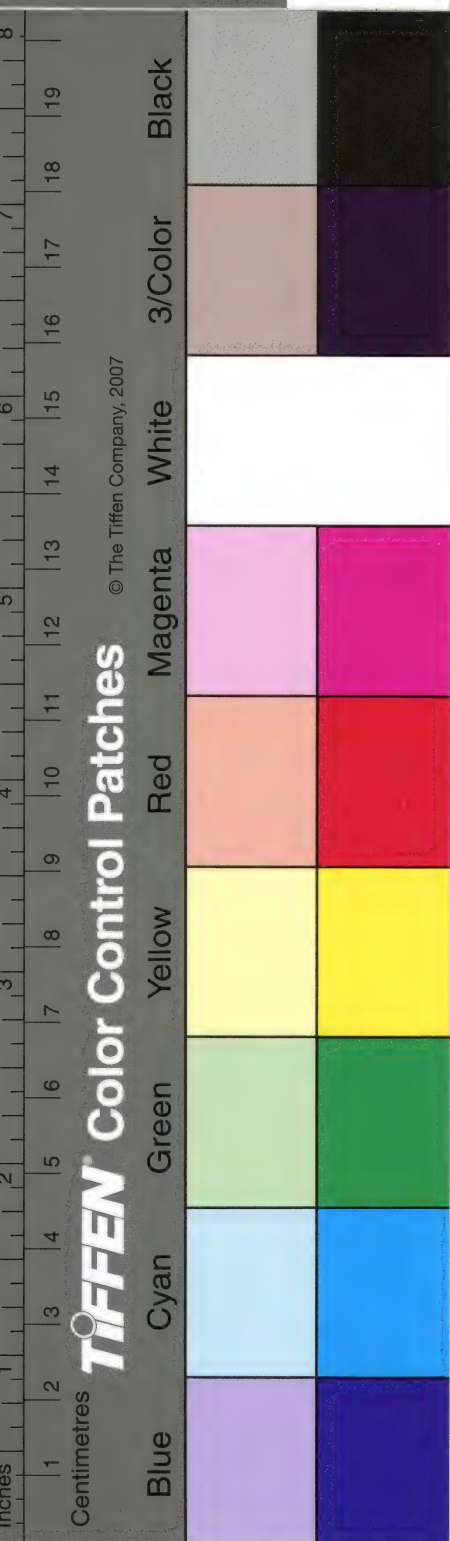
£ 55. 17. 3

"Received, Nov^r 5th 1763 into the Library the
"above mentioned Books, for all of which I hereby
"promise to account with the Directors of the said
"Library, witness my Hand"

John Edwards.

Upon which D^r Alison, M^r Peters & Charles
Thomson were appointed a Committee to settle with M^r
Hall for said Books; & they are hereby impowered to draw
on the Treasurer for the Payment of his account; which
Draught, the Treasurer is desired to answer.

A new Librarian being to be appointed in
the Room of M^r Greenway deceased; it was considered
that



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the Matters respecting the Office of Librarian were not at present very determinate and regular: It was therefore Resolved, that D^r Franklin, D^r Alison, Samuel Rhoads & Charles Thomson be a Committee for preparing, against the next Monthly Meeting, a Set of Rules to be observed by the Librarian for the Future.

Resolved, that every Director present, produce at the next Meeting a List of Books, which he can recommend to be sent for & added to the Library.

At a Meeting of the Directors

Nov^r 17th 1763.

Present

Rich^d? Peters Tho^s? Cadwallader
Chas^s? Thomson Jacob Shoemaker
Joseph Stretch Benj^m? Franklin
 & the Sec^y.

The Committee appointed to settle with David Hall for the Books lately lodged in the Library; reported, that they had examined M. Hall's Account & settled with him at 110 fr. Ct. & had drawn on the Treasurer for the Ballance in his Favour, amounting to £117.. 6.. 3.

The Committee appointed for that Purpose produced to the Board the Draught on an Address to the Governor; which was read & approved of. The Secretary was therefore desired to wait on the Governor with a Copy of the same, & know from him at what Time & Place he would be pleased to receive it; of which the Sec^y is to give Notice to the Directors & desire their particular Attendance.

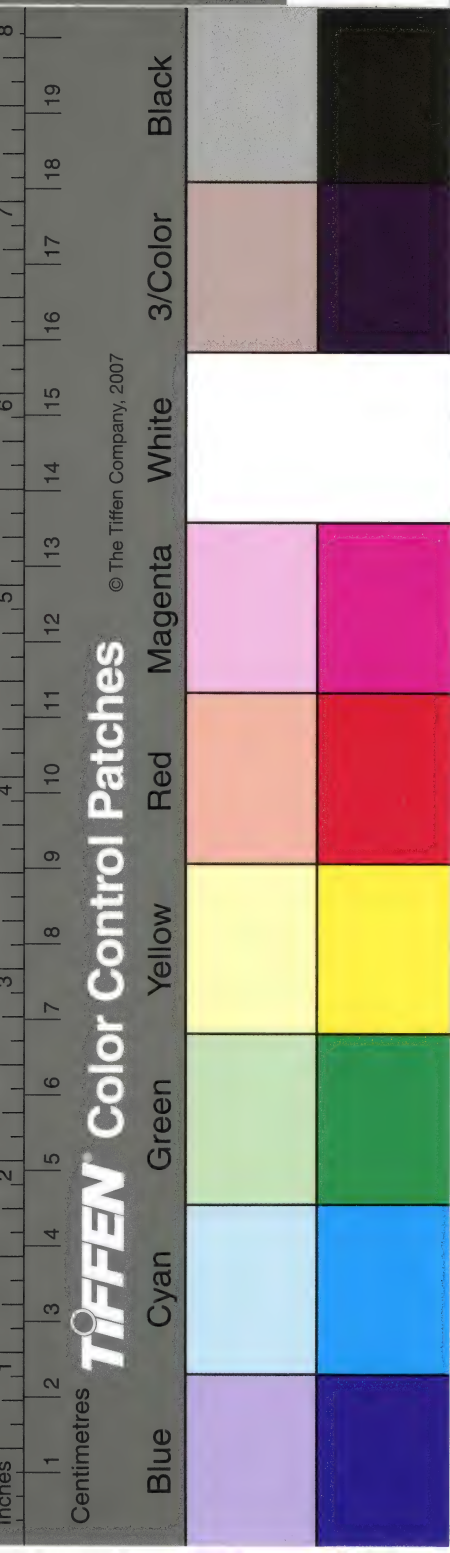
At a Meeting of the Directors

Nov^r 21st 1763

Present

Jacob Shoemaker Rich^d? Peters
Joseph Stretch Tho^s? Alison

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Samuel Rhoads Tho! Cadwallader
Edw^d? Shippen Cha! Thomson
Benj^a Franklin & the Secretary

The Secretary produced to the Board a fair
Copy of the Address to the Governor, which was read
at the last Meeting. The Directors then waited on
the Governor and presented the same, in these Words -
Viz:

"To the Honourable John Penn Esq^r Lieutenant
Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania & Counties of
New Castle, Kent & Sussex upon Delaware.

"The Address of the Directors of the Library Com-
pany of Philadelphia.

"May it please your Honour!

"We the Directors of the Library Company of Phi-
ladelphia beg leave to present our cordial Congratula-
tions to your Honour on your Appointment to this Go-
vernment, & on your safe Arrival here.

"It gives us particular Pleasure to see amongst
us, in the Station of Governor, a Descendant of that Fa-
mily which has always favoured our Institution and
promoted it by their frequent and generous Benefactions.

"The Encouragements it met with in its Infancy
have had good Effects. Many other Libraries, after our
Example and on our Plan, have been erected in this and
the neighbouring Provinces; whereby usefull Knowledge
has been more generally diffused in these remote Corners
of the World.

"We therefore, flatter ourselves that it will con-
tinue to enjoy the Favour of our Hon^{ble} Proprietaries,
& meet with your Honour's Countenance & Protection
during your Administration; which we sincere-
ly wish you all Happiness."

Signed by order
of the Board
Nov^r 21st 1763

"Francis Hopkinson Secy."

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To which the Governor was pleased to make
the following answer

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"Gentlemen!"

"I thank you for your congratulatory Address on my Appointment to this Government, and am extremely rejoiced for the Prosperity of the Library under your Direction. You may depend that I shall not fail to give it my Countenance; and I make not the least Doubt but the Proprietors will continue to favour so useful an Institution."

At a Meeting of the Directors Dec^r 12th 1763
Present

Benj^o. Franklin Tho^s. Gadwallader

Jacob Shoemaker Samuel Rhoads

Joseph Stretch Chas^s. Thomson

Edw^d. Shippen Rich^d. Peters

Jos. Morris, Treasurer & Tral. Hopkinson Secy

M^r. Thomson reported, that by some Mistake Jackson's Chronology (of which we have a Duplicate in the Library) was sent for among the last Set of Books instead of Kennedy's Chronology; and that he had talked with M^r. Hall about this Matter who agreed to take said Jackson's Chronology in Exchange for other Books; which Books, it was resolved, should be ~~Peawis~~ ^{Peawis} ~~Peawis~~, Lex Mercatoria and The Dignity of Human Nature. M^r. Thomson was therefore desired to take out of the Library said Jackson's Chronology, make the Exchange with M^r. Hall as above & settle the Account with him.

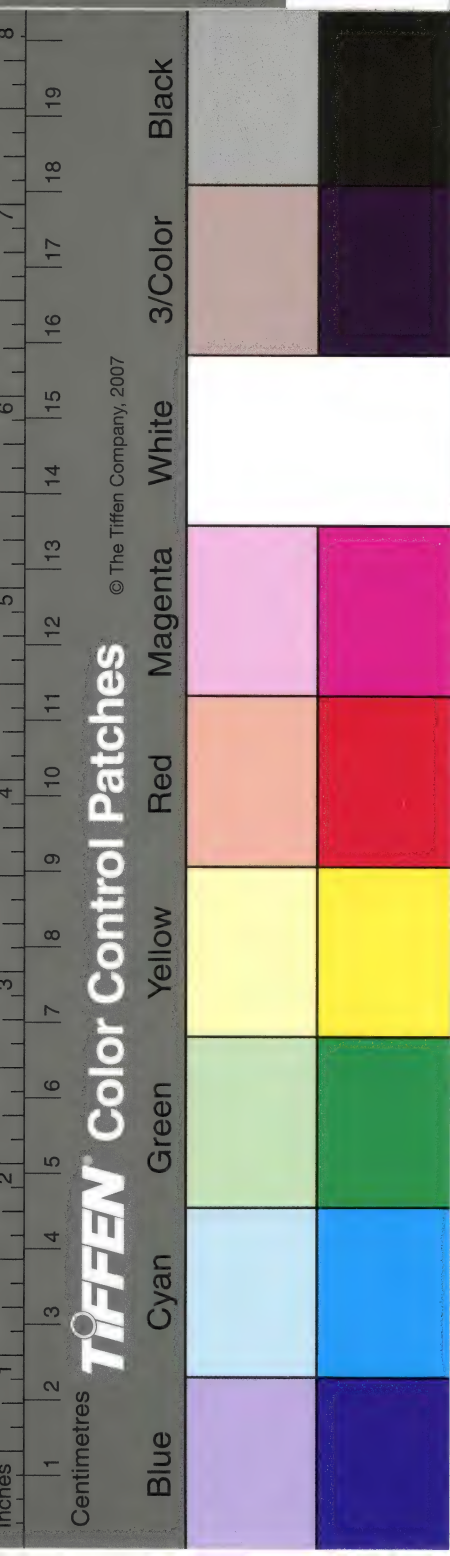
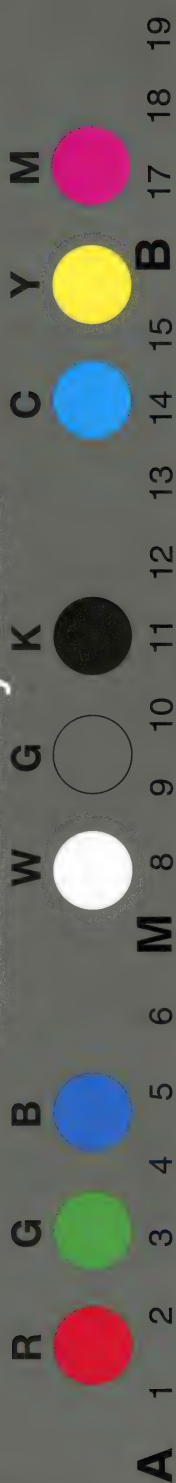
D^r. Franklin produced to the Board an Account against the Company for Money expended in England by him for their Use; which Account follows viz^t.

Library Comp^y D^r. to Benj^o. Franklin

1757 Sept^r 22^d. To Magazines bought
of Henry and Jane

£ Sterling
1^l 2^s 6^d

Carried forward



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29th for D^o of D^o ————— 1. 3. 3

1758 April 6th For subscription to Hist: of Athens — 2. 2. 0

Aug^t 2^d For Hist: of Arabians — 1. 0. —

1762 July 28 For repairing the Telescope, p^r? — 10. 10. —

Freight & Insurance of D^o ————— 2. 18. 4

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For which Account D^r Franklin produced proper Vouchers & Receipts. It was then Resolved, that an Order be drawn on the Treasurer to settle said Acc^t. with D^r Franklin at the Rate of 75 p^r Cent; which was accordingly done. —

On the Back of one of D^r Franklin's Vouchers or Accounts were the following useful Directions for keeping the Telescope in Order, which, it was thought proper, should be entered on the Book of Minutes, & are as follows viz^t —

- "Rules given by M^r Short to keep the Telescope in Order
- "1st Let the Speculum's never be touch'd or wiped
 - "2^d When the Tube, in observing, is left for any Time open, let it be in a horizontal Position, that Dust may not settle, either on the great or small Speculums; which would on one or the other if the Tube be either elevated or depressed.

"It is the Dust does the Mischief — it attracts the Moisture and both corrode".

The Committee appointed for that Purpose produced to the Board a Set of Rules to be observed by the Librarian; which were approved of, & are as follows.

"Rules, made by the Directors, in Pursuance of a Law of the Company, to be observed in the Library, relating to the lending of Books &c —

- "1st The Librarian is to give Attendance on later Days from 4^o Clock till 8 in the Afternoon at the Library in Order to lend out & receive in the Books; and shall keep a Book Column-wise, in which
- "shall

Dec^r 1763 "shall be noted the Title of the Book lent, the Name
"of the Borrower, the Time for which the Book is
"lent, the Sum ^{for} of which the Note was given, the
"Day when the Book should be returned and the
"Forfeitures weekly arising for all Defaults.

"2^{thly} Each Borrower, being a Member of the Company
"shall give a Promissory Note to the Librarian for
"the Sum set in the written Catalogue against the
"Book he borrows, conditioned for returning the
"same Book within the Time mentioned in the said
"Catalogue; at the Expiration of which Time, if the
"Borrower inclines to keep the Book longer, he must
"renew his Note.

"3^{thly} A Borrower, not being a Member, shall sign a
"Note and deposit with the Librarian the Sum against
"the Book in the Catalogue, as a Security for his re-
"turning the Book as aforesaid; and shall pay 8.^d
"p^r week for Folios, 6.^d for Quartos & 4.^d for others
"for the Use of the Library; to be applied towards
"repairing of Bindings, & increase of the Books &c.

"4^{thly} Every Borrower who keeps a Book beyond
"the Time limited in his Note; may return it on
"any of the four next succeeding Attendance Days;
"paying One Shilling for every Week's Neglect. Which
"not being done, the Note or Deposit Money is to be
"deemed forfeit.

"5^{thly} If a Borrower, who has forfeited his Note or
"Money deposited, shall afterwards return the Book;
"three fourths of the Sum mentioned in his Note shall
"be remitted; he paying the weekly Fine; & if not a
"Member, both the Fine & weekly Hire of the Book
"as above.

"6^{thly} Books returned are to be delivered into the
"Hands of the Librarian to be examined whether
"damag'd or not.

"7^{thly} No Borrower from whom any Penalty or
"Forfeiture is due, or who hath damag'd any Book

shall

Dec^r" shall be permitted to borrow another Book till the
1763 - satisfaction be made. -

" 8^{thly} No Borrower may lend a Book to any Person
 " out of his House. -

" 9^{thly} When a Member of the Company applies for
 " for a Book that happens to be lent out, the Libra-
 " rian (if desired) is to take a Memorandum of the
 " application; and the first Borrower shall not be al-
 " lowed to renew his Note; but must return the Book
 " at the Time agreed on; that the new Applicant may
 " have it. -

" 10^{thly} The Librarian may lend to one Person at one
 " Time 2 Volumes in Octavo, 3 in Duodecimo, & four
 " Pamphlets, provided they have been in the Library
 " at least Twelve Months. -

" 11^{thly} Every Saturday Evening, before the Library is
 " shut up, the Librarian shall examine his Book of
 " Entries & make out a List of the Forfeitures which
 " have arisen that Week. in a Book to be kept for
 " that Purpose; & on the Second Monday in every Month
 " he shall from that List deliver a Copy to the Secy.
 " of all the Forfeitures incurred the preceding Month
 " to be laid before the Directors at their usual
 " Meetings. -

Resolved That Mess^{rs} Jacob Shoemaker, Cha^s
 Thomson, Joseph Stretch and Matthew Clarkson
 or any two of them be a Committee for examining
 the present State of the Library, and making out
 a regular & complete Catalogue of all the Books,
 Notes, Instruments & Curiosities now in the Library
 and that the said Committee confer with M^r.
 Edwards about his being the Librarian; and
 lay before him the Rules to be observed by him as
 above; and further that the said Committee pro-
 cure from him an Obligation in which the said
 John Edwards & some other substantial Person
 be bound to the Directors & their Successors to the

Dec^r 1763 the Performance of the above Rules & Articles of Agreement under the Penalty £800.0.0 Currency: For which Service as Librarian he is to be allowed a Salary £12..p^r Annum -

The Secretary is desired to purchase for the Company the 3 first Volumes of the Votes of the House of Assembly of this Province; either of Mr. David Hall or of the Ex^r of Evan Morgan &c. wherever they can be got cheapest, allowing for the Condition of said Books.

The Committee appointed to examine the present State of the Library, are desired to demand of the Ex^r of Robert Greenway, Satisfaction for the Books lost out of the Library during the Time he served as Librarian.

A Number of Books were agreed to be added to the Library; and the Sec^y was desired to give a List of them to Mr. Hall & request him to send for them by the first Opportunity.

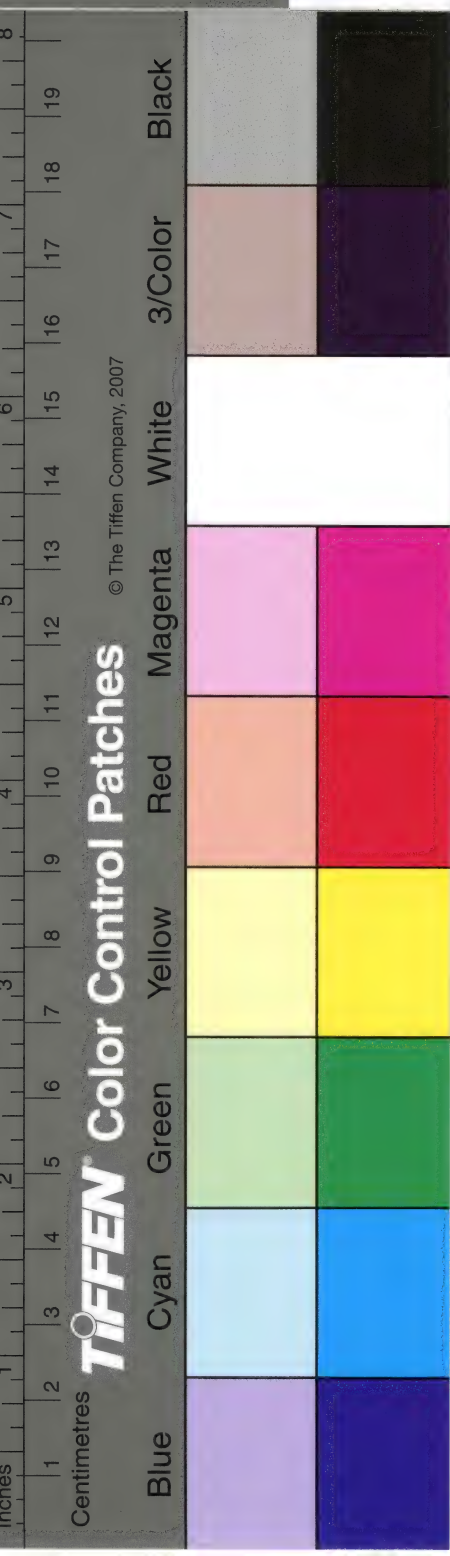
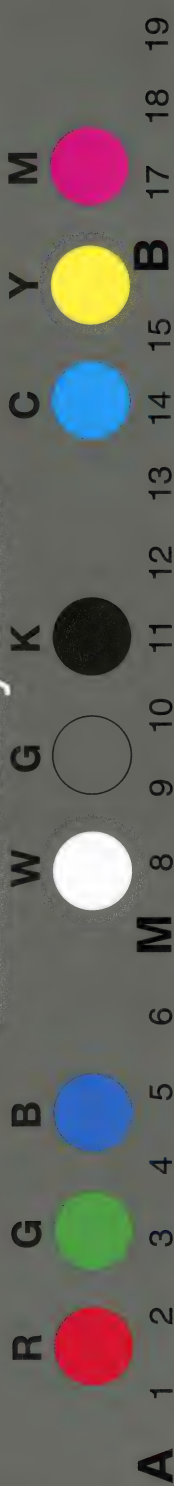
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At a Meeting of the Directors Jan^y 9th 1764
Present

Benj ^a Franklin	Tho ^s Cadwallader
Jacob Shoemaker	John Dickinson
Sam ^l Rhoads	Chas ^s Thomson
Jos ^s Stretch	Tos ^s Alison
Edw ^d Shippen	& the Secretary.

Mr. Thomson reported that he had waited on Mr. Hall with Jackson's Chronology, who accepted of it and gave the Company Credit for the same; and at the same Time furnished him with Beauw's Lex Mercatoria Dictionary of Arts and Sciences 4 Vol^s Oct^o & Lady Montagu's Letters, 3 Vol^s Duod: for which he produced Receipts from the Librarian.

He likewise reported that he had received the 37 and 38th Vol^s of the Modern History, the 7th Volume



Jan. 7. 1764 Volume of Edwards's Natural History and Catalogues of Books; for which he likewise produced a Receipt from the Librarian — these last Books came to the Company from Peter Collinson, and were charged to Dr. Franklin in his account with Mr. Collinson.

Resolved, that the Secretary shall make out a fair Copy of the Rules agreed on at the last Meeting respecting the lending of Books, and fix up the same in some public Part of the Library Room; that they may be exposed to the View of the Members whenever they go to borrow Books from the Library.

The Secretary is desired to make a fair Copy of the Rules entered in the last Minutes, for keeping the Telescope in order; with this Addition, "that it is recommended to Persons using said Telescope, that when they make observations with it, they would keep it open as little as they possibly can." which fair Copy is to be pasted in the Inside of the Case containing the Telescope.

Dr. Allison, Mr. Lucas & Mr. Ewing applied to the Directors for the Loan of their Telescope in order to make some Observations; offering to give a Note to the Secretary, in which they would bind themselves to be answerable for the returning said Telescope in as good order as they receive it. To which Request the Directors present consented, on the Conditions offered.

The Committee appointed to examine the Library reported that Mr. Edwards had been prevented by great Hurry of Business from attending them in this Service; but it was proposed to enter upon next Monday.

The Secretary reported that Messrs. Dr. Franklin & David Hall (who publish the Votes of a Assembly of this Province in Conjunction) had presented to the Company the 3 first Volumes of said Votes, & lodged them in the Library.

Resolved.

Resolved that the Thanks of this Board be
Jan. 9. returned to Mess^{rs} Franklin & Hall for their generous
1764 Present to the Company

The Secretary is desired to collect the Votes of
 Assembly succeeding those now in the Library and
 have the same bound up in one Volume & lodged in
 the Library: and to bring an Account against the
 Company for the Expenses attending the same.

Whereas Thomas Hopkinson ~~deed~~ had
 formerly presented the Company with several Vo-
 lumes of the Pennsylv^a Gazette, the Secretary was
 desired to examine where those Gazettes leave off
 and endeavour to compleat the same down to the
 present Time. Resolved that the Secretary desire
 M^r. Hall to furnish the Company yearly with com-
 plete sets of his Gazette.

At a Meeting of the Directors

Feb. 9. 13th 1764. Present

Tho^s Cadwallader, Jacob Shoemaker,
 Joseph Stretch, Benj^a Franklin,
 Richard Peters, Cha^s Thomson
 & Francis Hopkinson Secretary

The Secretary reported that Mess^{rs} Michael Hillegas
 and Daniel Williams ^{two of the County Commissioners} had presented the Company with
 the Blade of a Sword or Cutlas; which they found fourteen
 Feet from the Surface of the Ground, in digging the Foun-
 dation of the new Bridge in Second Street between the
 City & the Barracks; this Blade is marked TS and serves
 to shew how great a Body of Earth must have gathered in
 the short Time since the Europeans first came into Ame-
 rica, which is not more than 150 years; as the Natives
 knew nothing of the Use of Iron, till they were taught
 it by the white People.

Resolved That the Secretary, in the Name of this
 Board, thank Mess^{rs} Hillegas & Williams for this Cu-
 riosity; & take Care that the same ^{be} lodged in the Library.

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The Committee appointed to examine the present State of the Library made Report that Books to a considerable Value were missing from the Library & many out of Repair: The Directors taking this Report into serious Consideration concluded, that it was necessary to change the Librarian; it was then proposed & resolved that Francis Hopkinson, the present Secretary, should also serve as Librarian to the Company, he giving Bond agreeable to the Rules laid down at a former Meeting, and subjecting himself to said Rules, for which Service he shall be allowed a Salary of £12. - p. Ann^m: He is therefore desired to get a Number of Promissory Notes in the usual Form printed in his Name against next Saturday.

Mr. Matthew Clarkson, who was one of the Committee for examining the Library, attended & received the Thanks of the Board for this Service.

It was proposed to be considered whether or no there should not be a fresh Catalogue of the Books &c. belonging to the Library, printed for the Company.

Mr. Shoemaker produced an Account to the Board for Carpenters Work done ^{at} the Library, amounting to £2. 5. 3 which was allowed; & an Order drawn on the Treasurer for Payment of the same.

At a Meeting of the Directors
March 12th 1764
Present

Benj ^a Franklin	Tho ^s Cadwallader
Thos ^a Alison	Jn ^o Dickinson
Sam ^l Rhoads	Chas ^l Thomson
Edw ^d Shippen	Jos ^{ph} Morris Lucas ^r
& Fra ^s Hopkinson Secy	

It was put to the Vote, & unanimously resolved that there should be a new and compleat Catalogue of the Books, Curiosities, Laws, Rules &c. belonging to the Library Company printed for the Use of the Company: The former Catalogue being rendered
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incomplete by the great Additions[†] Books to the Library & the Loss of Numbers[†] other Books from March the Library, since the printing of said Catalogue 1764 which is now seven years.

Treas. Alison, B: Franklin, Edw.^d Shippen Jr: Dickinson & the Secretary, or any two of them, were appointed a Committee for publishing said Catalogue.

The Secretary was desired to purchase from Mr. David Hall a Book entitled the first Discoveries of the Russians in America; for which Mr. Hall is to charge the Company.

It was represented to the Directors that several Members of the Company were much displeased at the new Regulations in the Library, by which every Person, except the Librarian, is excluded from entering the Library & taking down the Books there, but is to apply to the Librarian for any Book he may choose to peruse. In consideration of these Complaints it was Resolved that the Librarian should prepare a Bond which should be tendered to every Member who should desire the Privilege of entering the Library & examining the Books there at the Hours of Attendance on Saturdays; by which he should bind himself to be answerable for his proportionable Part of the Loss that may arise from any Books being lost or stole out of the Library.

At a Meeting of the Directors

April 9th 1764

Present.

B: Franklin

Tho: Cadwallader

Jr: Dickinson

Jacob Shoemaker

Chas Thomson & the Secretary

The Secretary reported that Isaac Jones desired leave of the Directors to transfer his Share in the Library to his Son Robert Jones

which

was readily assented to.

May
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At a general Election held at the Library on Monday the 7th of May 1764 the former Directors & Treasurer were continued in their Offices.

At a Meeting of the Directors
May 14th 1764

Present

Tho^s. Badwallader Joseph Stretch
Jacob Shoemaker Cha^s. Thomson
Benj^m. Franklin Sam^l. Rhoads
Jos^{ph}. Morris Treas^r & Tra^s. Hopkinson Sec^y.

Sam^l. Sanson desired Leave of the Directors to have Will^m. Calender's Share; Will^m. Greenway to have Rob^t. Greenway's & Tho^s. Willing to have the Share of Cha^s. Willing deed; all which was assented to.

Resolved that the Sec^y. request M^r. Hall to send for a compleat Set of Hogarth's Works for the Library.

The Sec^y. reported that M^r. William Masters & the Daughters of M^r. Ewan Morgan deed had joined in presenting the Company with a Set of the Pennsylvania Gazette neatly bound consisting of Volumes in Folio; for which generous Present the Secretary was desired to return the hearty Thanks of the Directors to M^r. Masters & the Daughters of M^r. Morgan, and to take Care that the said Books be lodged in the Library.

The Sec^y. desiring to know how many of the new Catalogues should be printed it was Resolved that there should be 400 of them struck off.

The Treasurer produced to the Board his Account for the past Year, by which there appeared a Balance in Favour of the Company amounting to £86.5.7.

The Sec^y. produced his Acc^t. charging the Company with £6.— for One Year's Salary for serving

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May 17th serving as Secretary, & £3— for serving as Libr.^a for three months; and crediting the Company for £3-12-6 which he received for Fines from Members borrowing Books; which Acct. was allowed & an Order drawn on the Treas.^r for Payment of the Balance.

Treas^r Hopkinson informed the Directors that he found it very inconvenient to serve as Librarian any longer, & requested them to choose some other Person in his Room & to discharge him from this office; upon which he was desired to serve a little longer till some fit Person should be found to undertake that Duty.

The Committee appointed for that purpose reported that they had let out the Library Lot to Samuel Garrick for ^{the first year} £6 p^a Ann: & £10 p^a Ann: for four years next ensuing.

At a Meeting of the Directors

June 11th 1764. Present

B: Franklin

Tho^s Cadwallader

Treas^r Alison

Jacob Shoemaker

Cha^r Thomson & the Secretary.

No Business done.

At a Meeting & July 9th 1764

Present

Benj^a Franklin

Tho^s Cadwallader

Jos^s Hetch

Sam^l Rhoads

& the Secretary

It being mentioned that several of the Members were much discontented with the present Regulations in the Library, by which they are excluded from having immediate Access to the Books, it was agreed that on Monday next the Secretary should take particular Care to have a full Board of Directors that these may be laid before them & well considered.

July
1784

At a Meeting of the Directors
July 16th 1784.

Present

Benj^l. Franklin Chas^l. Thomson
Jacob Shoemaker Edw^d. Shippen
Jos^l. Stretch Jos^l. Morris
& Fra^l. Hopkinson Secy

Mr. Franklin produced to the Board a neat Edition of Euclid's Elements, given to the Company by Dr. Robert Simson late Professor of Mathematics at Glasgow. Resolved that Dr. Franklin be desired to return the Thanks of the Board to Dr. Simson for this Present. And the Secy. is to take Care that the same be bound & lodged in the Library.

As there was not a Board of Directors, the Matter intended to be considered was obliged to be deferred till another opportunity.

At a Meeting of the Directors
August 13th 1784
Present.

Benj^l. Franklin Chas^l. Thomson
Jacob Shoemaker Tho^s. Cadwallader
Samuel Rhoads Joseph Stretch
& Francis Hopkinson Secy

Mr. Hugh Roberts was chosen a Director in the Room of Mr. Richard Peters who is gone for England: The Secretary is therefore desired, (as there wants one Director to make a Board) to consult Dr. Alison (who is the only Director in Town) & if he agrees, to give Notice to Mr. Roberts to attend at the next Meeting.

The Directors taking into the Consideration the several Complaints that have been lately made about the new Regulations made in the Library; Resolved that the Secretary should ^{inform} ~~advise~~ all those Members whom he knows to be discontented, & request them to acquaint others, that the Directors will attend at the Library Room on Monday the 29th Inst^t at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon

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in order to settle this matter & give them satisfaction.
The Secy. was desired to summons the Directors
August 1764 to meet at Mr. James Byrnes on the second Monday in
next month

At a Meeting of the Directors & such Members
as were displeased with the present Regulations in the Li-
brary, on Monday the 29th August 1764

Present

Edw.^d Shippen Benj.^d Franklin
Jacob Shoemaker Jos. Morris
Francis Hopkinson.

Isaac Paschal, Joseph King, The son of
Mr. Hugh Roberts & The son of Mr. John Biddle.

It was proposed for the Consideration of the
Directors at their next Meeting, that the Salary of the
Librarian should be increased, so as to make it worth his
while to undertake the Charge of the Books himself, not-
withstanding that the Doors should be thrown open as
they formerly were.

It was likewise proposed that the Doors should
be open as formerly & that the Members should attend by
Rotation to assist the Librarian on Saturday afternoons,
& that the Librarian should not be answerable for the Books.

It was lastly proposed that none should be admitted
into the Library but such as are Members of the Company.

Sept.^r 10th 1764.

No Business done

At a Meeting of the Directors Octob.^r 8th 1764

Present

Benj.^d Franklin Edw.^d Shippen
Tho.^d Cadwallader Joseph Morris
Fra.^d Hopkinson

No Business done

November 12th 1764. No Business done

Dec^r
1764

At a Meeting of the Directors Dec^r 10th 1764

Present

Sam^l. Rhoads Joseph Stretch
Tho^s. Badwallader John Dickinson
Jacob Shoemaker Joseph Morris
& Tral^s Hopkinson Secy

Mr. Byrne's complaining that he had provided a Supper for the last Meeting & no Body came but the Secy, it was agreed that for the future every Absentee should pay a Fine of One Shilling for his Absence; which shall go to the House as a Recompense for providing a Supper for a larger Company than should happen to attend. & that the Secy. should pay Mr. Byrne's 7/6 for his last Disappointment; out of the Money in his Hands collected by former Times.

The Secretary produced an Account from Mr. Dunlap for printing Promissary Notes, & Receipts, for Paper, Quills, Ink &c. for the Library amounting to £2.5. - which was allowed; and an Order drawn on the Treasurer for Payment of the same.

The Secretary produced to the Board a Receipt in the following Words Viz^t

"Received Dec^r 5th 1764 of John Potts full
Satisfaction for my share in the State-House Library
J^s. David Potts.

"To the Managers of the State-House Library"

Upon which John Potts was allowed to be admitted a Member of the Company.

As there were two Vacancies among the Directors; Dr. Franklin being gone for England, & Mr. Hugh Roberts who was chose in the Room of Mr. Richard Peters (likewise gone to England) declining to serve; it was agreed that Mr. Joseph Sims and Mr. Jacob Lewis should be Directors in their Room; & the Secretary was desired to serve them with

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with Notices to attend at the next Meeting
Mess^{rs} Joseph Stretch, Jacob Shoemaker, Charles Thomson & Matthew Clarkson (the Committee appointed in Dec^r last to demand of the Executors of Robert Greenway due Satisfaction for the Books lost out of the Library during the Time he was Librarian) are desired to proceed in the said Business, & make Report at the next Meeting of the Directors.

The Objections, minuted in August last, to the present Regulations in the Library, were considered; but as there was not a sufficient Number of Directors present to make a Quorum, the Matter is referred to the next Meeting.

The Sec^y reported that he had made a careful Examination of the Library; & made out a List of such Books as appeared to be missing, by comparing the Books ~~in the~~ in the Library with the Catalogue. Which List he produced to the Board. He was thereupon desired to furnish the Committee appointed to settle with the Executors of W. Greenway, with a Copy of the said List. —

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At a Meeting of the Directors
January 14th 1765

Present

Sam ^l Rhoads	Tho ^s Cadwallader
Cha ^s Thomson	Joseph Stretch
Joseph Sims	John Dickinson
Jacob Lewis	Joseph Morris Treas ^r
& Francis Hopkinson Sec ^y .	

W. Thomson reported that the Committee appointed for that Purpose had waited on W. Robert Morris, one of the Executors of Robert Greenway deceased, with a List of the Books lost out of the Library during the Time he was Librarian; & that W. Morris required Time to consider Matter, & would give an Answer when he had examined W. Greenway's Books, to see if any of the Library Books were amongst them.

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As there was now a Board of Directors, the Complaints made respecting the present Regulations in Jan^y the Library were fully considered; and as so few appeared at the Meeting in August last to make their Objections, the Directors thought proper to continue their former Design; by which, for the better Security of the Books, no Person, except the Librarian, is to be admitted into the Library on Saturday Afternoons during the Hours appointed for the letting out of Books.

At a Meeting of the Directors
February 11th 1765
Present

Tho ^s Badwallader	Jacob Lewis
Jacob Shoemaker	Charles Thomson
Thos. Alison	Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Stretch	Joseph Morris Treas ^r
Thos. Hopkinson Sec ^y	

Mess^{rs} Thomson & Shoemaker reported that they had again waited on Mr. Morris who promised to examine the Books of Mr. Greenway decd & to restore to the Company any of the Library Books which should be found amongst them.

George Imlen Jun^r desired Leave of the Directors to enjoy the Share of his Grandfather George Imlen decd; his Father being willing to transfer the same to him: to which the Directors present assented, on Condition that he will take Care to have the said Transfer properly recorded by the Secretary in the Company's Book of Record; after which he is to have the Use of the Books in the Library, & not before.

The Secretary informed the Board that he should be obliged to give up his Office as Librarian in May next & requested that they would in the mean Time look out for some proper Person to supply his Place in the Library.

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March
1765At a Meeting of the Directors
March 11th 1765
Present

Tras ^r Alison	Tho ^s Cadwallader
Edw ^d Shippen	Jacob Lewis
Joseph Stretch	Charles Thomson
& Tras ^r Hopkinson Secy	

The Secretary reported that the new Edition of the Catalogue of Books &c. belonging to the Library was now compleated. It was then ordered that a Copy of the same neatly bound should be sent & presented to each of the following Gentlemen Viz: To the Honble the Proprietors of this Province; to M^r Peter Collinson, to M^r Jackson the Agent of the Province, to M^r Grey of Colchester, to M^r Neave, to M^r David Barclay, to M^r Serjeant, to M^r Mildred, to M^r Roberts, to M^r John Strettle, & six Copies to Dr^r Benj^a Franklin in London to be distributed as he shall think proper; to the Governor the Speaker of the Honble House of Assembly & to Col^l Bouquet in this City.

It being reported that there was now in the Possession of Col^l Bouquet the Teeth of some extraordinary Animals resembling Elephants, whose Skeletons lie near the River Ohio; Dr^r Cadwallader, Dr^r Alison & M^r Shippen were appointed a Committee to wait on Col^l Bouquet & request him to give as an exact Account of the said Skeletons as had come to his Knowledge, that the same may be entered on this Book of Minutes.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Executors of Robert Greenway dec^d were continued, & desired to proceed in said Business.

The Directors present & the Secretary were desired to think of some proper Person whom they could recommend to serve as Librarian.

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The Secretary was desired to get such Books bound & repaired as he should think necessary; March 1765 & to bring in accounts of the expence attending the same.

The Secretary was desired to make out an exact List numerical & alphabetical of the collection of Fossils given to the Company by M. Matthew Clarkson, ~~with the same~~ the same printed & added to the new Edition of the Catalogue

At a Meeting of the Directors
April 8th 1765
Present

Jacob Lewis Thomas Cadwallader
Jacob Shoemaker Charles Thomson
Samuel Rhoads Joseph Morris
& Tra^r Hopkinson Secy

The Secretary reporting that it did not suit him to make out a List of the Fossils in the Library agreeable to the Minute of last Meeting Mess^{rs} Joseph Morris & Philip Syng, were appointed a Committee to perform this service.

All the other Minutes of last Meeting were continued

At a General Election held at the Library Room on Monday the 6th of May 1765.

The following persons were Elected Officers for the ensuing year

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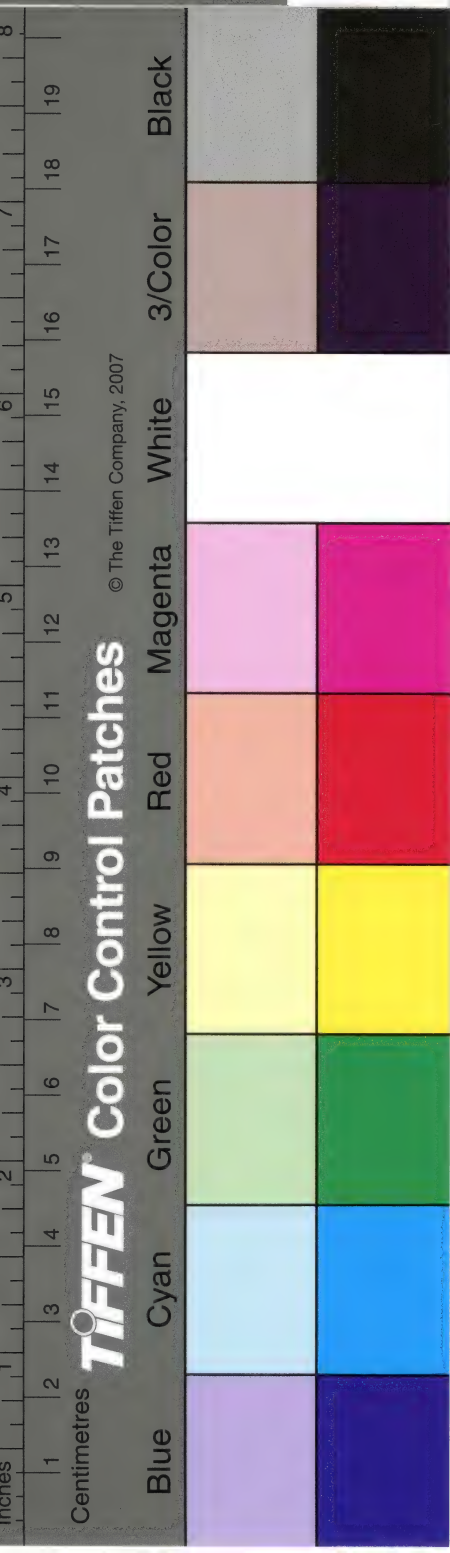
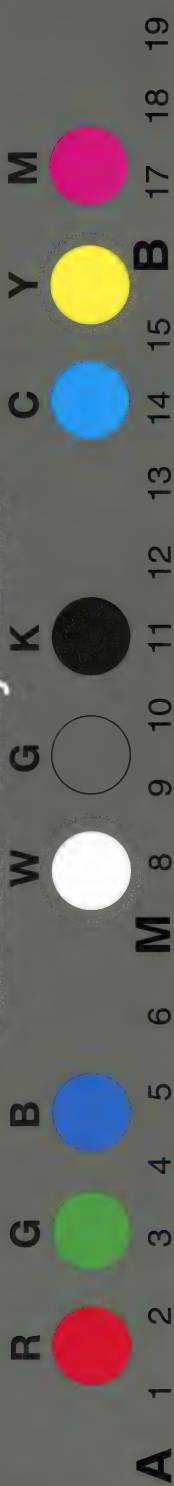
Directors.

Edward Shippen
Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Sims
John Dickinson
Jacob Lewis

Joseph Sketch
Charles Thomson
Thomas Cadwallader
Jacob Shoemaker jun^r
Abell James

AND

Joseph Morris Treasurer.



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At a Meeting of the Directors
May 13th 1765.

Present.

Joseph Sims
Samuel Rhoads
Jacob Lewis

Thomas Cadwallader
Jacob Shoemaker jun?
Abel James.

Joseph Morris Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to wait on Col. Boquet not having performed that Service are continued.

Charles Thomson & Jacob Shoemaker being appointed by a former Minute to settle with Robert Greenways Exec^{rs} not having performed that Service are requested to compleat the Business as soon as possible.

The Directors agreeable to a Minute of the 11th of March last have Recommended to this Board James Johnston for Librarian & he now attending the present Directors approve of the said James Johnston who agrees to accept of the Trust at the rate of £12⁰ per Annum & give Security agreeable to Charter & Laws of the Company.

Joseph Morris & Philip Syng not having performed the Service they were appointed last Meeting, are continued.

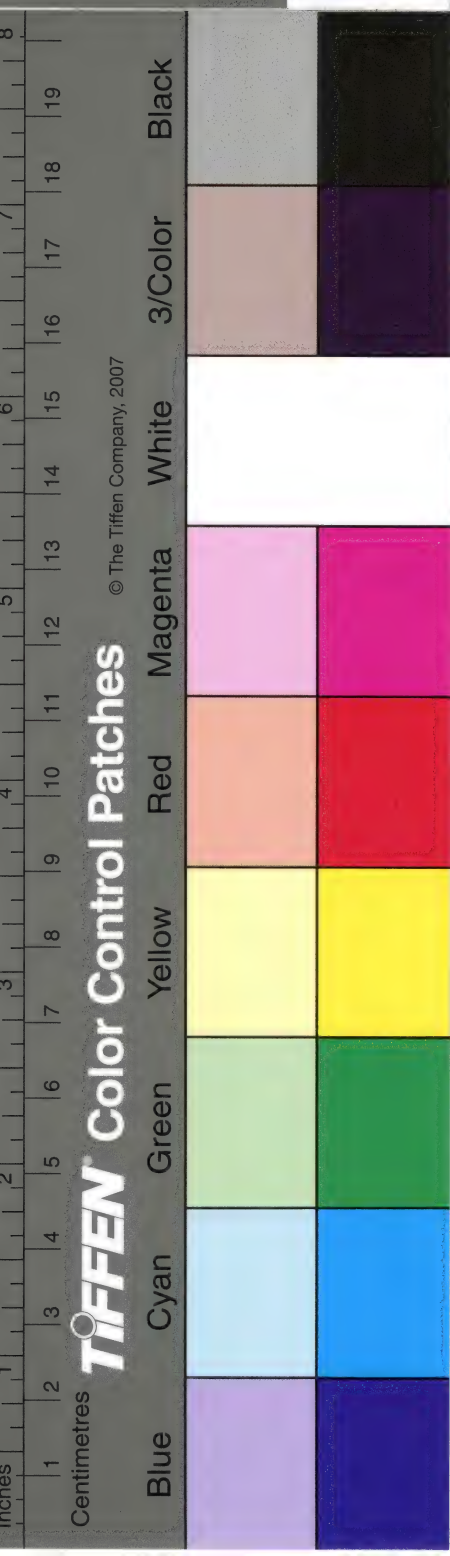
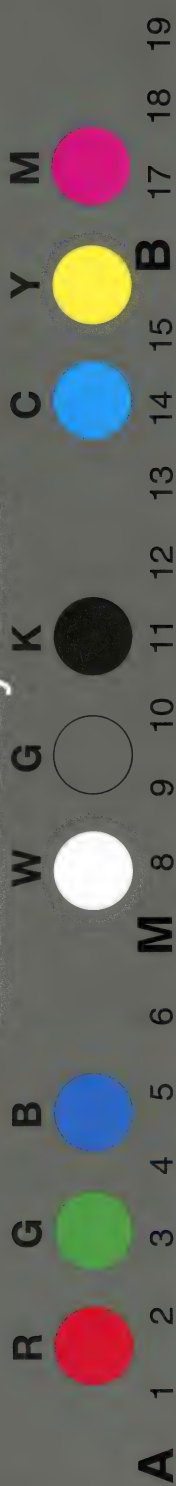
Samuel Rhoads, Jacob Lewis, & Abel James & Jos. Sims are appointed a Committee to deliver the Books to the Librarian & to take the proper Security.

At a Meeting of the Directors
June 10th 1765

Present

Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Sims
Edw^d? Shippen
John Dickinson
Joseph Morris Treas^r

Thomas Cadwallader
Jacob Lewis
Charles Thomson
Abel James
Treas^r Hopkinson Secy



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The Treasurer produced his Accounts for the last Year, which were examined, approved & signed, a Ballance of £133..14..7¹/₂ being found in Favour of the Company.

The Secretary also laid his Account before the Board amounting to £22..14..4, which was examined and an Order drawn on the Treasurer for discharging the same.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Executors of Robert Greenway dead are continued in the said Service.

The Committee appointed to take Security from the Librarian & deliver him the Books in the Library are continued.

Joseph Morris & Phil: Syng having not yet made out a Catalogue of the Books in the Library are desired to proceed in that Service; Mess^{rs} Abel James & Charles Thomson are added to the Committee.

The Sec^y is desired to get M^r Hall's & the Book-Binders acc^t against the next Meeting. He is ordered also to get from M^r Hall for the Library the last Edition of the Statutes at large, provided he will sell the same for £13..10.

Ordered that the Secretary summons the Directors to meet at the Library Room on the Second Monday in next Month at 6 o'Clock in the Afternoon, and that the Fines for Absences be Two Shillings each for the Future.

At a Meeting of the Directors
at the Library Room July 8th 1765

Present

Thos^{ad} wallader Charles Thomson
Joseph Stretch Edw^d Sheppen
& the Secretary

The Secretary produced to the Board a Bill of Sale from Richard Farmer (now in England) of his Share.

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June 1765 Share in the Library to Peter Campbell, who requested the Approbation of the Directors to admit him as a Member of the Company; which was accordingly granted, & the Secretary ordered to Register the said Bill of Sale, & the Book of Records.

All the former Committees were continued
Ordered that the Secretary purchase for the Library, Purver's new Translation of the Bible & the History of Col: Bouquet's Expedition in the Year 1764; & charge the Company with the same.

(At a Meeting of the Directors
at the Library Room July 8th 1765
Present

Tho: Cadwallader Charles Thomson
Joseph Stretch Edward Shippen
& the Secretary

The Secretary produced to the Board a Bill of Sale from Richard Farmer of his Share in the Library to Peter Campbell, who desired the Approbation of the Directors to admit him as a Member of the Company: which was assented to, and the Secretary ordered to record the said Bill of Sale in the Company's Book of Record.

All the former Committees are continued
Ordered, that the Secretary purchase for the Library Purver's new Translation of the Bible; & the History of Col: Bouquet's Expedition in 1764 & charge the Company for the same.

August, No Meeting

Library Room Sept: 9th 1765

Joseph Sims Abel James
Cha: Thomson

Ordered

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Ordered that a special Meeting of the Directors
be held on the first Monday after the Secretary comes
to Town.

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At a Meeting of the Directors
at the Golden Fleece Octo.^r 14.th 1765
Present

Edw.^d Shippen Tho.^s Cadwallader
Samuel Rhoads Jacob Lewis
Charles Thomson & the Secretary

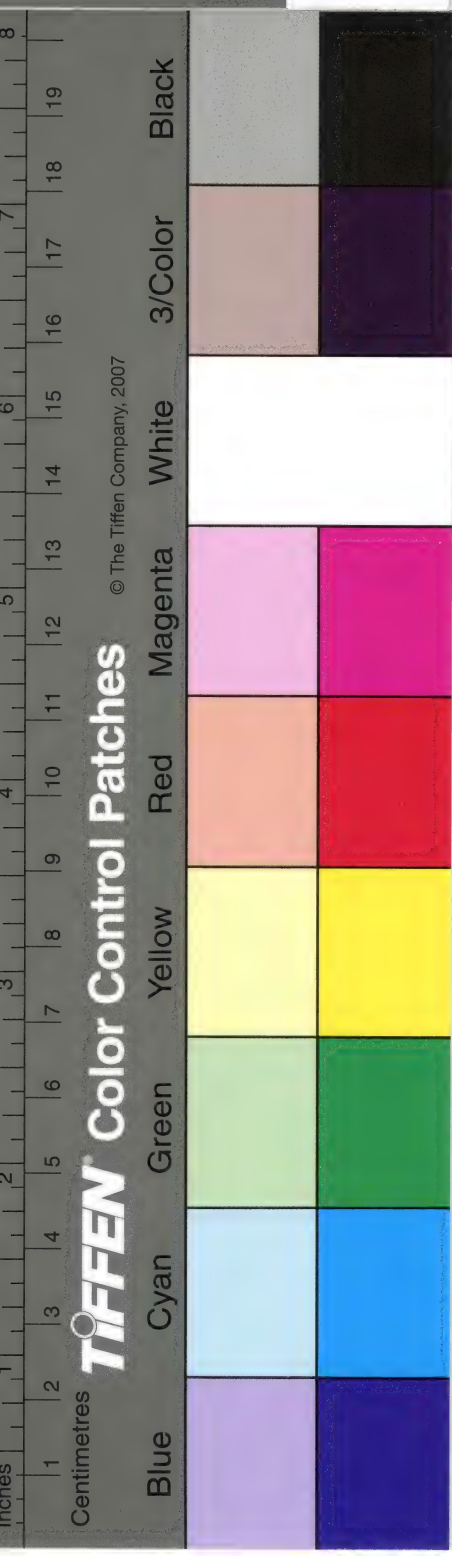
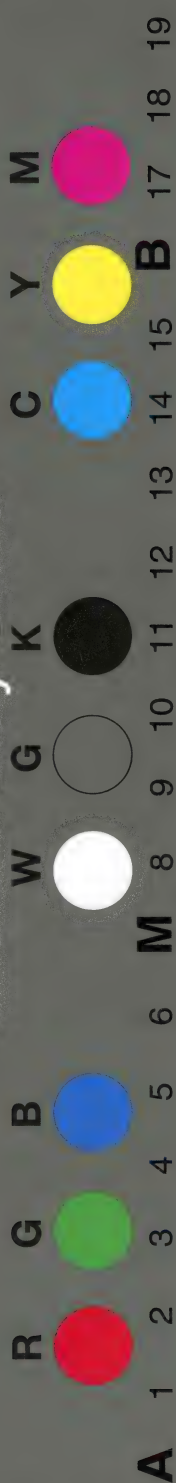
The Secretary produced to the Board several
Accounts Vizt. One from Franklin & Hall amount-
ing to £53. 11. 6. One other from David Hall
£71. 5. 1½ & a third from Jas. Worrell £4. 13. -
all which Accounts were examined; & Orders drawn
on the Treasurer for Payment of the same. -
former Committees continued

At a Meeting of the Directors
Nov.^r 11.th 1765
Present

Samuel Rhoads Charles Thomson
Jacob Shoemaker Jacob Lewis
Abel James Thomas Cadwallader
& Francis Hopkinson Secy

Resolved. That Mr. James Byrnes be
desired to provide suppers for six Members on
the second Monday in every Month; and that
every Absentee be for the future charged with
2s 6d to be paid by them in Discharge of the
Reckoning.

The Directors present considering
that Mr. Joseph Stretch, having long desired to
be left out of the List of Directors, & by his late
Indisposition was rendered incapable of attending
the



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the Monthly Meetings of this Board it was resolved that some other Person should be elected to serve in his Room: The List of Members was thereupon examined & it was unanimously voted that Mr Samuel Hudson be a Director of the Library Company in the Room of Mr. Joseph Stretch. The Secretary was ordered to give Mr. Hudson Notice to attend at the next Meeting.

Ordered, That the Secy. desire Mr. Hall to send to England for the best Editions of Shakespear, Swift, Shenston & Churchill's Works with Mollineaux Defence of the Rights of Ireland.

At a Meeting of the Directors
Dec. 9th 1765. Present

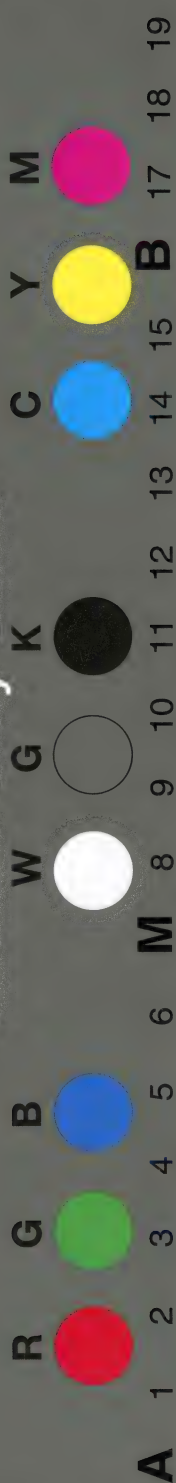
Tho. Cadwallader
Jacob Lewis
John Dickinson
Samuel Rhoads
Abel James

Joseph Sims
Charles Thomson
Samuel Hudson
Jacob Shoemaker
& the Secretary

Mr. John Biddle applied to the Directors for the Use of the Microscopes belonging to the Library, and as some of the said Microscopes are a little out of Order he engages to get the same repaired before he returns them. His Request was therefore considered & granted, on Condition that he shall give his Note of Hand to the Librarian for £10 - as a security that he will return said Microscopes in good Order within three Months.

Mr. Owen Biddle desires Leave of the Directors to hold his Father's Share in the Library, who is willing to transfer the same to him; which was assented to.

Messrs Thomson & Shoemaker the Committee formerly appointed to settle with the



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Dec^r 1765 the Executors of Robert Greenway deceased, having not yet completed that Service were continued Samuel Rhoads, Jacob Lewis, Abel James & Joseph Sims, the Committee appointed to deliver the Books to the Librarian & to take sufficient Security for the Charge are requested to complete the said Business

1766

At a Meeting of the Directors
January 18th 1766
Present

Thos^t Biddwallader Charles Thomson
Samuel Rhoads John Dickinson
Jacob Shoemaker James Johnson Librarian
& Francis Hopkinson Secretary

The Librarian attended and delivered to the Directors his Bond for £800 & Articles of Agreement dated the 4th of May 1765; as a security for the faithful Discharge of his Trust: Which Bond and Articles were ordered to be lodged in the Hands of the Company's Treasurer

The List of Books missing out of the Library not appearing to be complete; Mess^{rs} Thomson Shoemaker & the Secretary were appointed a Committee to take care that the same be fully adjusted against the next Meeting.

M^r Thomson produced to the Board a Receipt from the Librarian for the 41st, 42^d & 43^d Vols of the Modern universal History; and Lea Coronation which was thought to have been lost, but was recovered and replaced by M^r Thomson

Benjamin Randolph having purchased Isaac Snowden's Share in the Library applied to the Directors for Leave to be admitted a Member of the Company: Which was readily assented to.

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1766 The Secretary reported that M^r. Du Simitiere
a Gentleman of Geneva had desired his Compliments
to the Directors & begged their Acceptance of a curious
Book entitled Hieronimus Mercurialis de Arte
Gymnastica with Cuts —

Ordered that the Secretary return
the Thanks of this Board to M^r. Du Simitiere for his
kind Present, and that the said Book be lodged in the
Library — The Secretary, therefore, delivered the
same to the Librarian in Presence of the Directors.

At a Meeting of the Directors
February 10th 1766

Present

Thomas Cadwallader John Dickinson
Jacob Lewis Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Morris Treas.^r & Francis Hopkinson Jr.
No Business done

At a Meeting of the Directors
March 10th 1766

Present

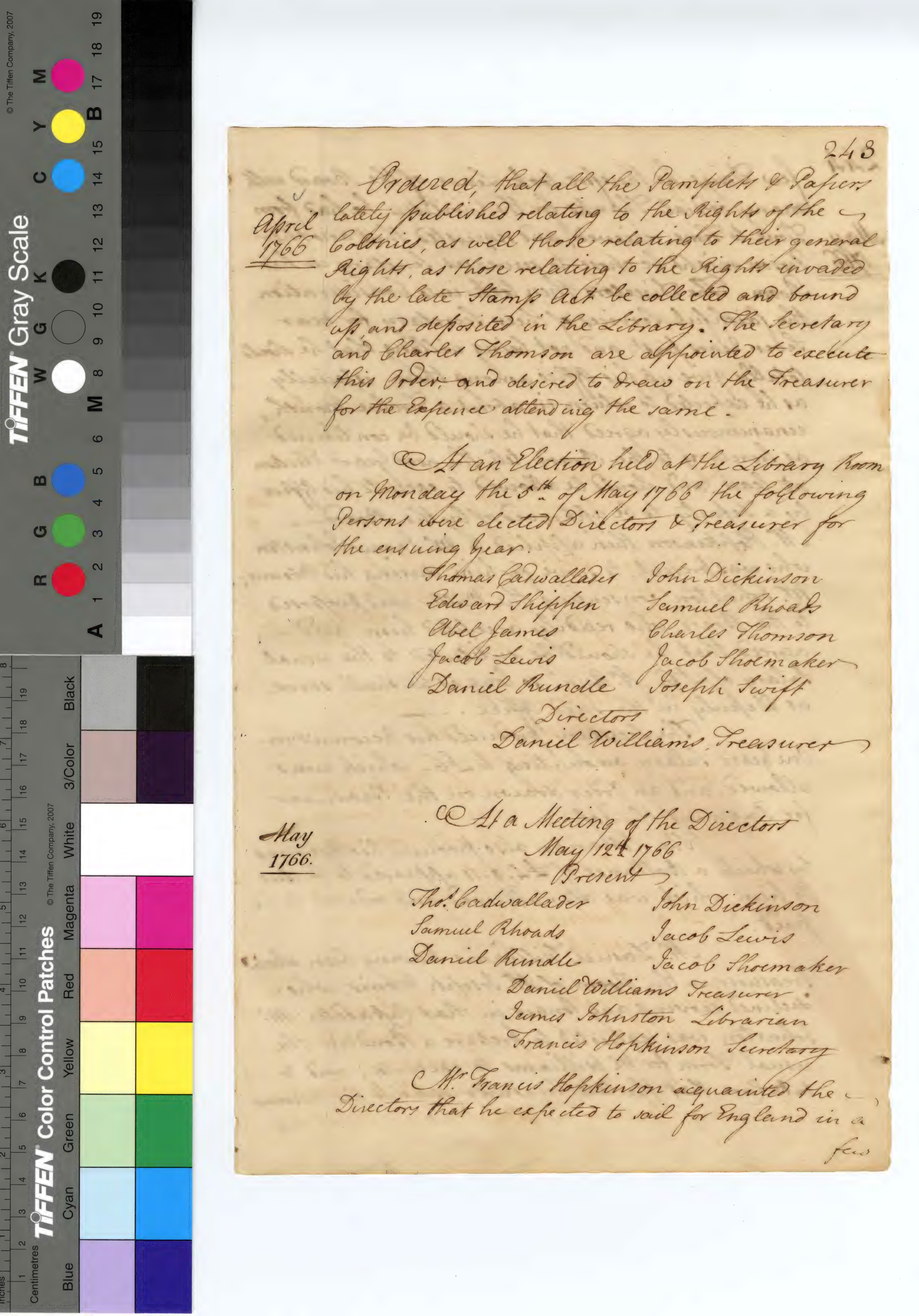
Thomas Cadwallader John Dickinson
Samuel Hudson Charles Thomson
Abel James Jacob Shoemaker
No Business done

At a Meeting of the Directors
April 13th 1766

Present

Samuel Rhoads John Dickinson
Charles Thomson Jacob Shoemaker
Jacob Lewis & the Secretary

The Secretary was ordered to advertise
the ensuing Election in W. Hall's next Paper



April 1766 Ordered, that all the Pamphlets & Papers lately published relating to the Rights of the Colonies, as well those relating to their general Rights, as those relating to the Rights invaded by the late Stamp Act be collected and bound up, and deposited in the Library. The Secretary and Charles Thomson are appointed to execute this Order, and desired to draw on the Treasurer for the Expence attending the same.

At an Election held at the Library Room on Monday the 5th of May 1766 the following Persons were elected Directors & Treasurer for the ensuing Year.

Thomas Cadwallader	John Dickinson
Edward Shippen	Samuel Rhoads
Abel James	Charles Thomson
Jacob Lewis	Jacob Shoemaker
Daniel Rundle	Joseph Swift

Directors
Daniel Williams Treasurer

May 1766.

At a Meeting of the Directors
May 12th 1766
Present

Tho. Cadwallader	John Dickinson
Samuel Rhoads	Jacob Lewis
Daniel Rundle	Jacob Shoemaker

Daniel Williams Treasurer
James Johnston Librarian
Francis Hopkinson Secretary

Mr Francis Hopkinson acquainted the Directors that he expected to sail for England in a few

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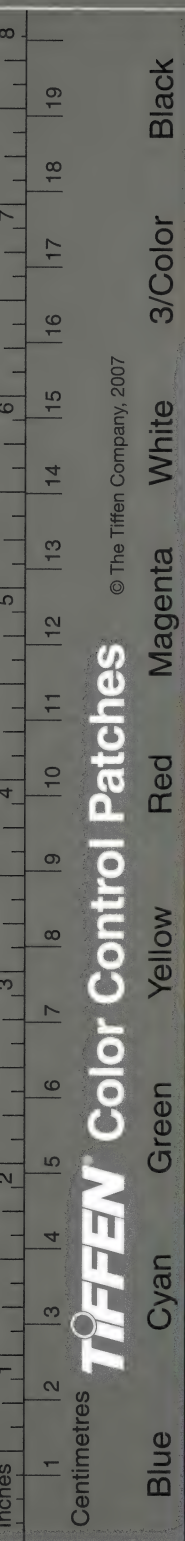
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few Days, he therefore took Leave of the Board with many cordial Thanks for the Civilities he had from Time to Time recieved; and requested that another Person might be chose to serve as Secretary in his Room. The Directors then took into Consideration the faithful Services of their Secretary for near Seven Years past, and not being willing that he should totally give up his Office among them, especially as he expected to return in about a Twelve Month, unanimously agreed that he should be continued as Secretary to the Board till the next Year's Election at least, and should be allowed to execute his Office by a Deputy to be approved of by the Board—

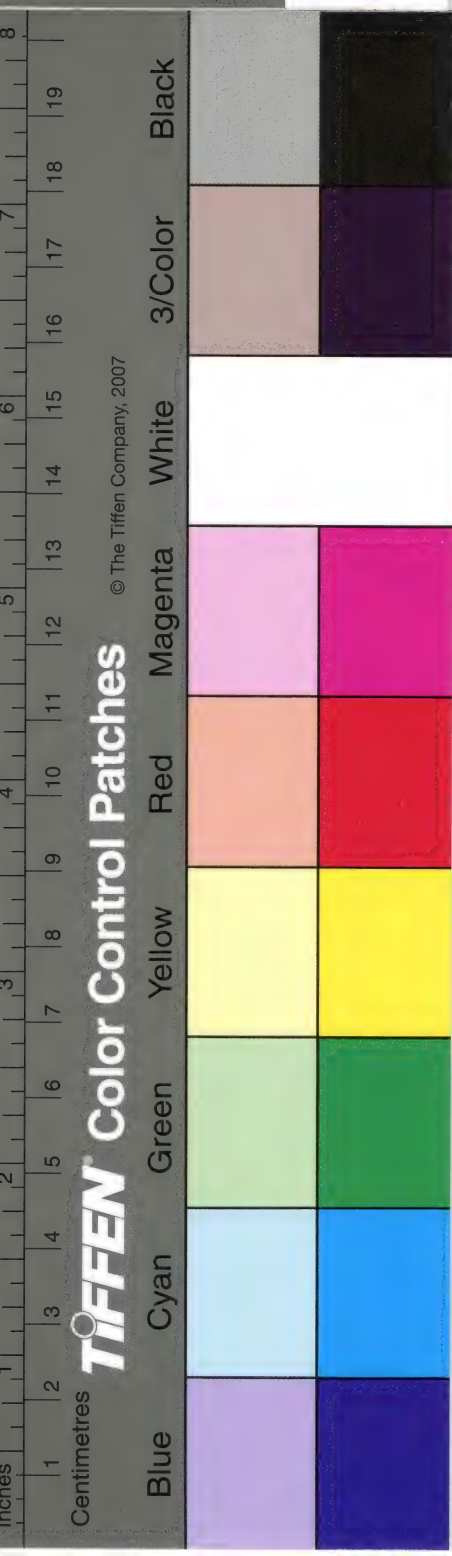
M^r. Hopkinson then applied to M^r. James Johnston who was present, to serve for him during his Absence; M^r. Johnston consenting the Matter was proposed to the Board, who readily accepted him, and agreed that he should be entitled to the usual Salary of £6-⁰-⁰ p^a Ann^o so long as he shall serve as Deputy in the said Office. —

The Secretary produced his Account for One Year's Salary amounting to £6- which was allowed, and an Order drawn on the Treasurer for Payment thereof. —

The Librarian also produced his Account by which a Ballance of £4-9-11 appeared to be due to him, which was also allowed and ordered to be paid.

M^r. Daniel Williams having been elected Treasurer in the Room of M^r. Joseph Morris, who declined serving any longer in that Capacity; M^r. Johnston was requested to prepare a Bond in the usual Form for M^r. Williams to execute; and to take Care that the late Treasurer exhibit his Account

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at the next Meeting, and deliver up his Charge to M^r Williams

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M^r Charles Willing applied for Liberty to enjoy the Share of his Brother Thomas Willing Esq^r, which was assented to

The Minute of last Meeting about the Papers respecting the Rights of the Colonies he was continued with this Alteration, that M^r Johnston be appointed for that Service in the Room of M^r Francis Hopkinson, and that the Committee are requested to be cautious in their choice of Papers to be collected and lodged in the Library, that no mean or inflammatory Papers be contained in the said Collection

The Minute respecting the Charges for Clubs and Fines for Absentees is continued

At a Meeting of the Directors
June 9th 1766.

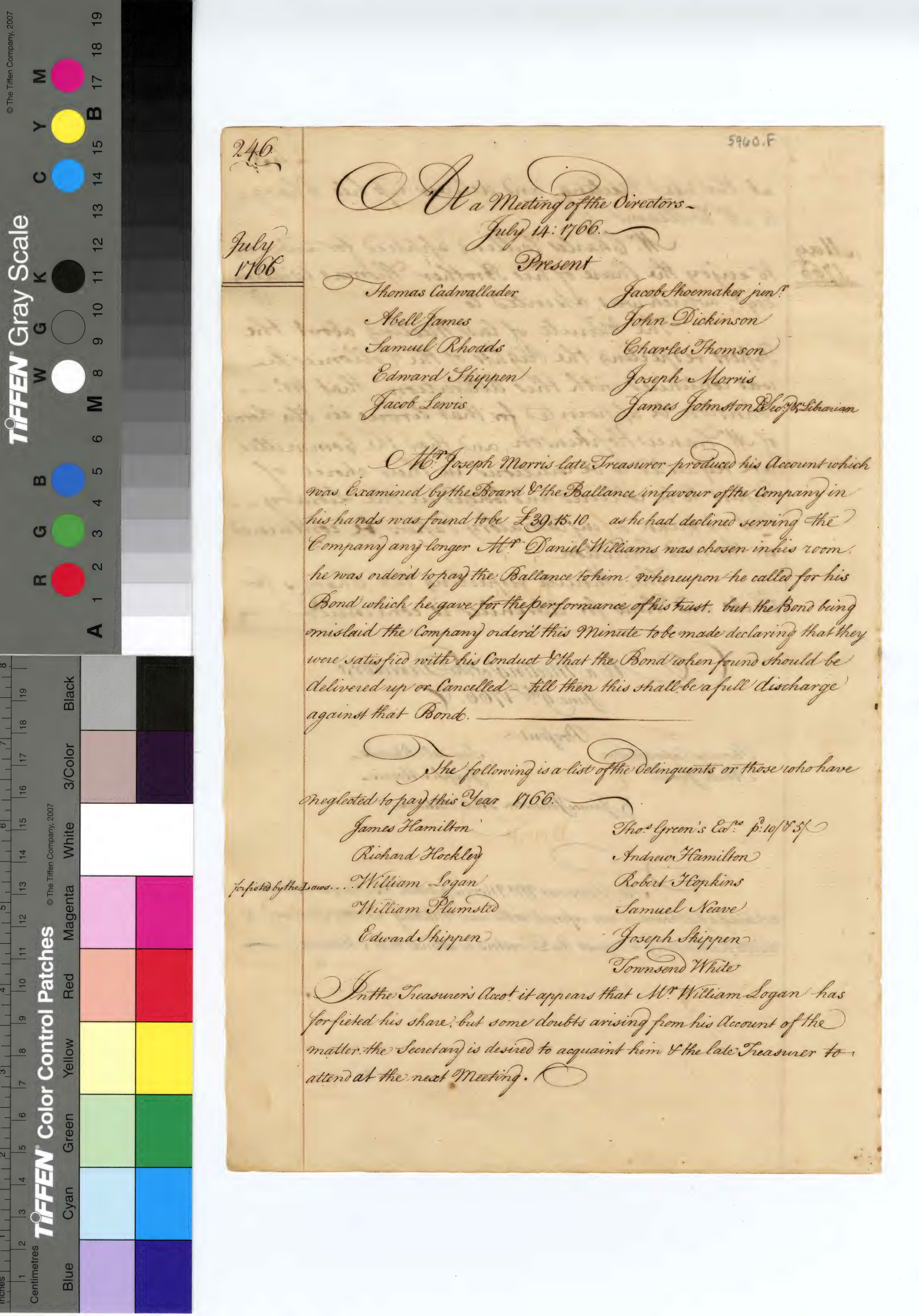
Present

Thomas Cadwallader
Abell James

Samuel Rhoads
Joseph Morris

& James Johnston Sec^y & Librarian

The Treasurer M^r Morris produced his Account, but the not being a full board it was referred to the next Meeting, and the Secretary is desired particularly to request the Directors to attend that Meeting.



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A Meeting of the Directors.
July 14: 1766.

Present

Thomas Cadwallader
Abell James
Samuel Rhoads
Edward Shippen
Jacob Lewis

Jacob Shoemaker jun?
John Dickinson
Charles Thomson
Joseph Morris
James Johnston Secy & Librarian

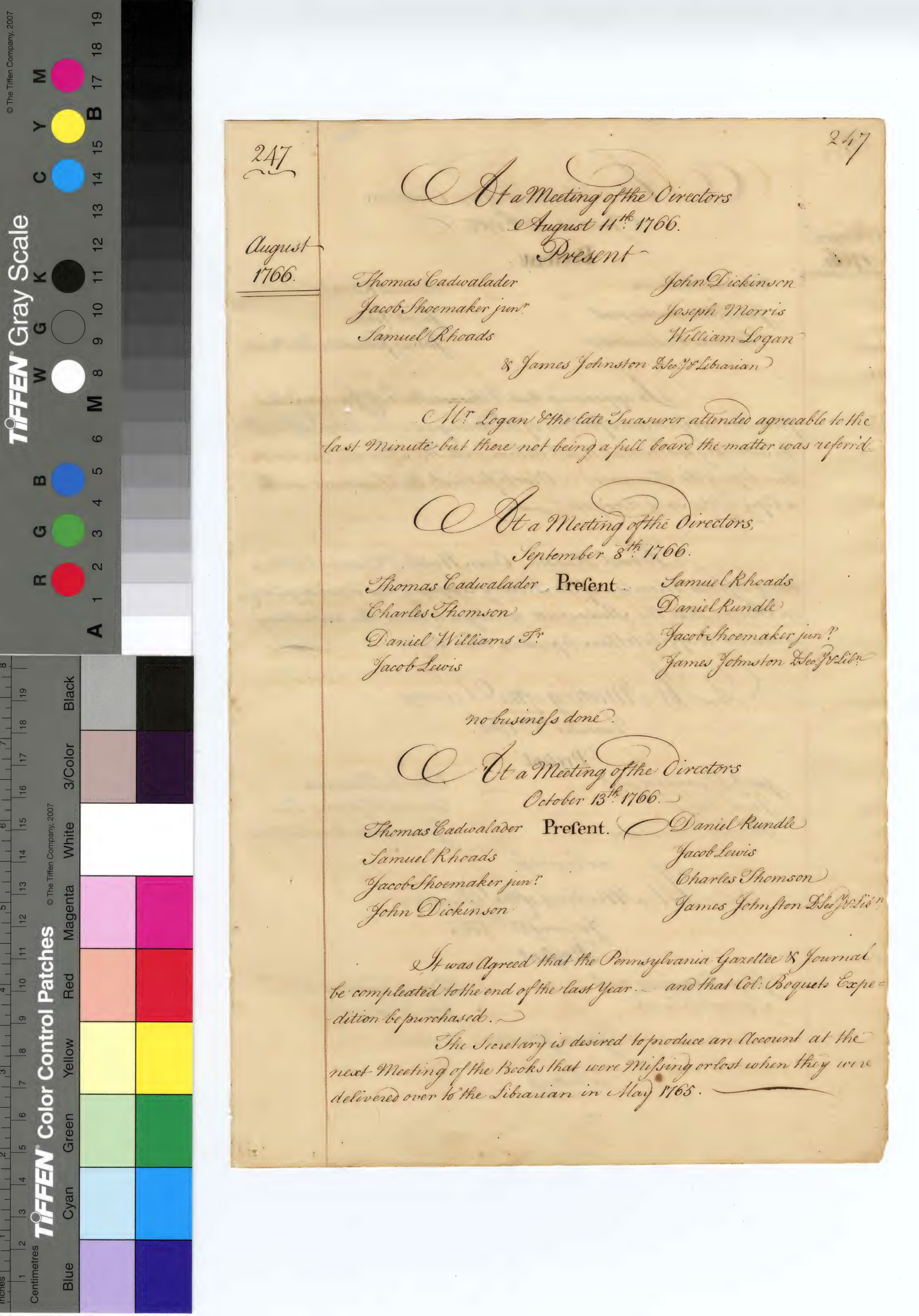
M^r Joseph Morris late Treasurer produced his Account which was Examined by the Board & the Ballance in favour of the Company in his hands was found to be £39.15.10. as he had declined serving the Company any longer M^r Daniel Williams was chosen in his room. he was orderd to pay the Ballance to him. whereupon he called for his Bond which he gave for the performance of his trust. but the Bond being mislaid the Company orderd this Minute to be made declaring that they were satisfied with his Conduct & that the Bond when found should be delivered up or Cancelled - till then this shall be a full discharge against that Bond.

The following is a list of the Delinquents or those who have neglected to pay this Year 1766.

forfeited by the Laws...
James Hamilton
Richard Hockley
William Logan
William Plumsted
Edward Shippen

Tho: Green's Est^d p: 10/8 5/4
Andrew Hamilton
Robert Hopkins
Samuel Neave
Joseph Shippen
Townsend White

In the Treasurer's Acot it appears that M^r William Logan has forfeited his share. but some doubts arising from his Account of the matter. the Secretary is desired to acquaint him & the late Treasurer to attend at the next Meeting.



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1766.

At a Meeting of the Directors
August 11th 1766.

Present

Thomas Cadwalader
Jacob Shoemaker jun.
Samuel Rhoads

John Dickinson
Joseph Morris
William Logan

& James Johnston Secy & Librarian

Mr Logan & the late Treasurer attended agreeable to the
last Minute but there not being a full board the matter was referred

At a Meeting of the Directors,
September 8th 1766.

Thomas Cadwalader Present
Charles Thomson
Daniel Williams Jr
Jacob Lewis

Samuel Rhoads
Daniel Rundle
Jacob Shoemaker jun.
James Johnston Secy & Lib.

no business done.

At a Meeting of the Directors
October 13th 1766.

Thomas Cadwalader Present.
Samuel Rhoads
Jacob Shoemaker jun.
John Dickinson

Daniel Rundle
Jacob Lewis
Charles Thomson
James Johnston Secy & Lib.

It was agreed that the Pennsylvania Gazette & Journal
be completed to the end of the last Year. and that Col. Boquets Expe-
dition be purchased.

The Secretary is desired to produce an Account at the
next Meeting of the Books that were Missing or lost when they were
delivered over to the Librarian in May 1765.



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At a Meeting of the Directors
November 10th 1766.

Present,

Charles Thomson
Jacob Shoemaker jun.
Thomas Cadwalader

Samuel Rhoads
Jacob Lewis
James Johnston Secy & Lib.

It appearing that £16 was due the 1st of January last
from Samuel Garrigues for Rent of the ^{lot} belonging to the Library Comp.
The Secretary was desired to call on him with the Account & to desire
him to pay the Treasurer. Also to furnish the Treasurer with
a Copy of the said Account.

Samuel Hudson, Owen Biddle & Charles Willing
being reputed Members of the Library Company but it not appearing
on Record that the Shares were conveyed to them, the Secretary
is desired to apply to them to produce their Right.

At a Meeting of the Directors
December 8th 1766.

Present

Jacob Shoemaker jun.
Jacob Lewis
Thomas Cadwalader

Charles Thomson
Daniel Williams Treas.
James Johnston Secy & Lib.

no business.

At a Meeting of the Directors
January 12th 1767

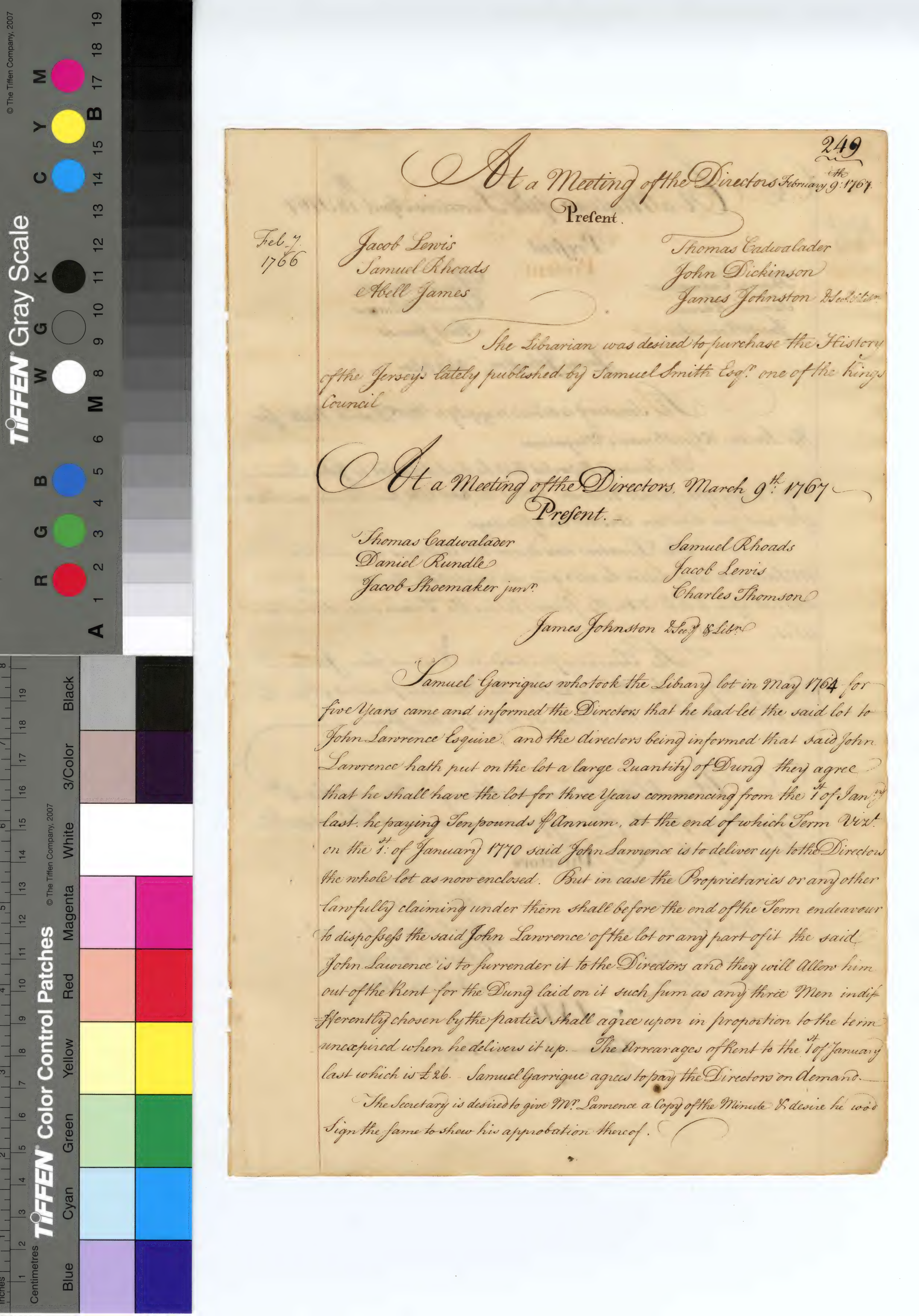
Present

Jacob Shoemaker jun.
Samuel Rhoads

Thomas Cadwalader
John Dickinson

James Johnston Secy & Lib.

no business



At a Meeting of the Directors February 9th 1767
Present.

Feb. 7.
1766

Jacob Lewis
Samuel Rhoads
Abell James

Thomas Cadwalader
John Dickinson
James Johnston Librarian

The Librarian was desired to purchase the History of the Jersey lately published by Samuel Smith Esq^r one of the Kings Council

At a Meeting of the Directors March 9th 1767
Present.

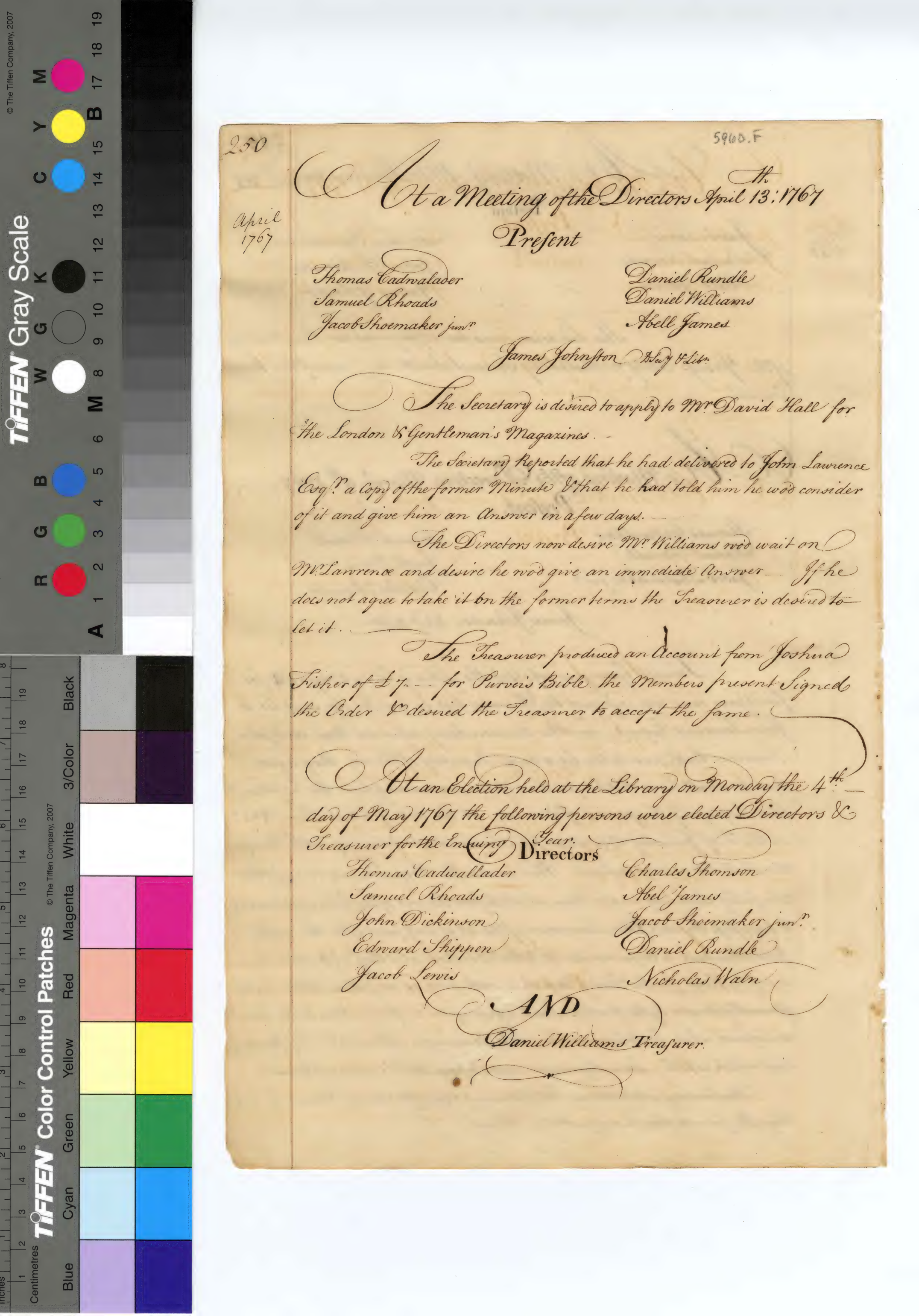
Thomas Cadwalader
Daniel Rundle
Jacob Shoemaker jun^r

Samuel Rhoads
Jacob Lewis
Charles Thomson

James Johnston Secy & Lib^r

Samuel Garrigues who took the Library lot in May 1764 for five Years came and informed the Directors that he had let the said lot to John Lawrence Esquire and the directors being informed that said John Lawrence hath put on the lot a large Quantity of Dung they agree that he shall have the lot for three Years commencing from the 1st of Jan^y last. he paying Ten pounds p^a Annum, at the end of which Term viz^t on the 1st of January 1770 said John Lawrence is to deliver up to the Directors the whole lot as now enclosed. But in case the Proprietaries or any other lawfully claiming under them shall before the end of the Term endeavour to dispossess the said John Lawrence of the lot or any part of it the said John Lawrence is to surrender it to the Directors and they will allow him out of the Rent for the Dung laid on it such sum as any three Men indifferently chosen by the parties shall agree upon in proportion to the term unexpired when he delivers it up. The Arrearages of Rent to the 1st of January last which is £26. Samuel Garrigue agrees to pay the Directors on demand.

The Secretary is desired to give M^r Lawrence a Copy of the Minute & desire he will Sign the same to shew his approbation thereof.



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At a Meeting of the Directors April 13: 1767

Present

Thomas Cadwallader
Samuel Rhoads
Jacob Shoemaker junr?

Daniel Rundle
Daniel Williams
Abel James

James Johnston Secy & Libr.

The Secretary is desired to apply to Mr David Hall for
the London & Gentleman's Magazines. -

The Secretary Reported that he had delivered to John Lawrence
Esq? a copy of the former Minute & that he had told him he w^od consider
of it and give him an Answer in a few days. -

The Directors now desire Mr Williams w^od wait on
Mr Lawrence and desire he w^od give an immediate Answer. If he
does not agree to take it on the former terms the Treasurer is desired to
let it. -

The Treasurer produced an Account from Joshua
Fisher of £ 7. - for Purvis Bible. the Members present Signed
the Order & desired the Treasurer to accept the same. -

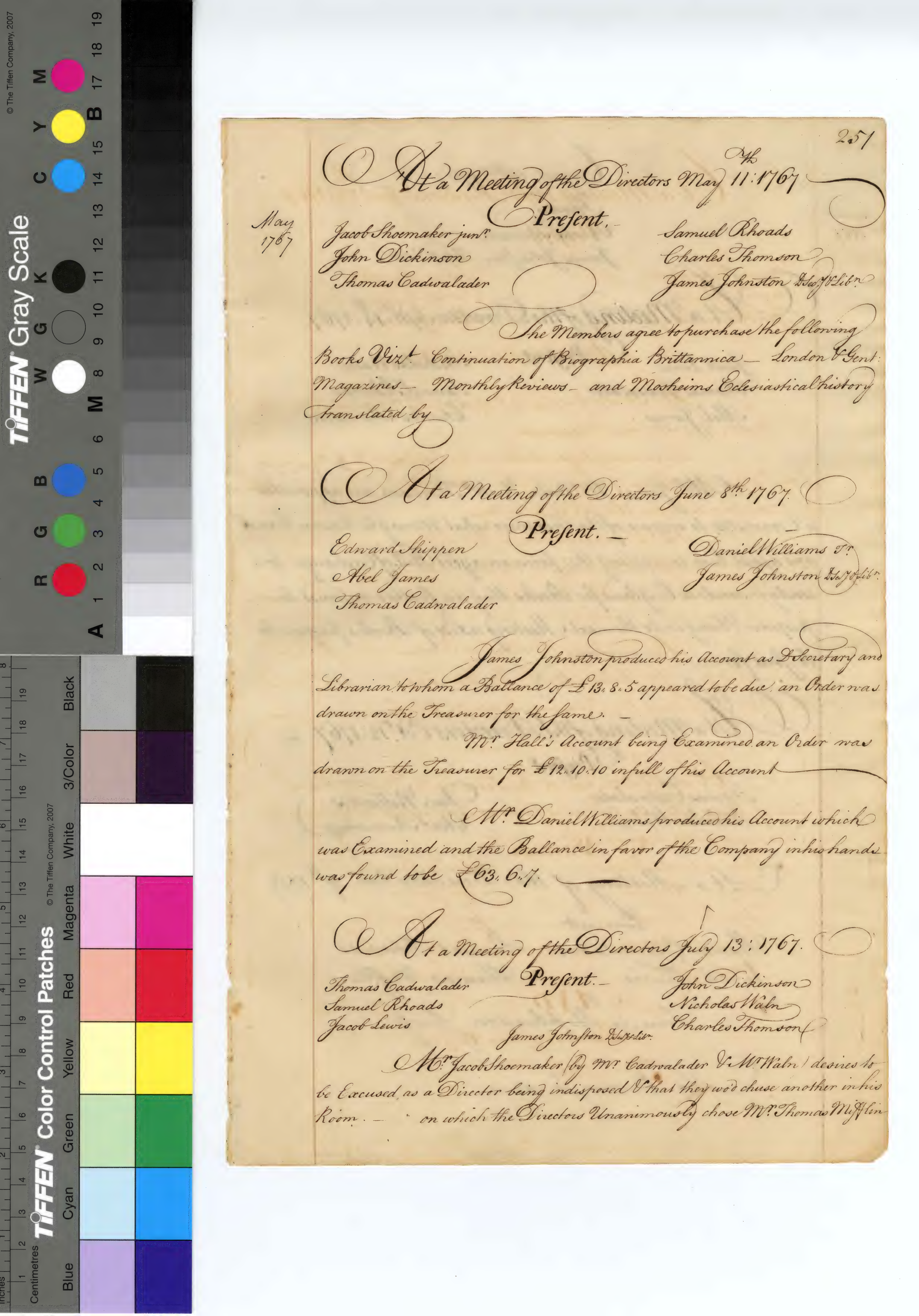
At an Election held at the Library on Monday the 4th day of May 1767 the following persons were elected Directors & Treasurer for the ensuing Year.

Thomas Cadwallader
Samuel Rhoads
John Dickinson
Edward Shippen
Jacob Lewis

Charles Thomson
Abel James
Jacob Shoemaker junr?
Daniel Rundle
Nicholas Waln

AND

Daniel Williams Treasurer.



May
1767

At a Meeting of the Directors May 11: 1767

Present. -

Jacob Shoemaker jun^r
John Dickinson
Thomas Cadwalader

Samuel Rhoads
Charles Thomson
James Johnston Secy & Lib^r

The Members agree to purchase the following
Books Viz^t Continuation of Biographia Britannica - London & Gent.
Magazines - Monthly Reviews - and Mosheims Ecclesiastical history
Translated by

At a Meeting of the Directors June 8th 1767

Present. -

Edward Shippen
Abel James
Thomas Cadwalader

Daniel Williams Secy
James Johnston Secy & Lib^r

James Johnston produced his Account as Secretary and
Librarian to whom a Ballance of £13. 8. 5 appeared to be due, an Order was
drawn on the Treasurer for the same. -

Mr. Hall's Account being Examined an Order was
drawn on the Treasurer for £12. 10. 10 in full of his Account

Mr. Daniel Williams produced his Account which
was Examined and the Ballance in favor of the Company in his hands
was found to be £63. 6. 7.

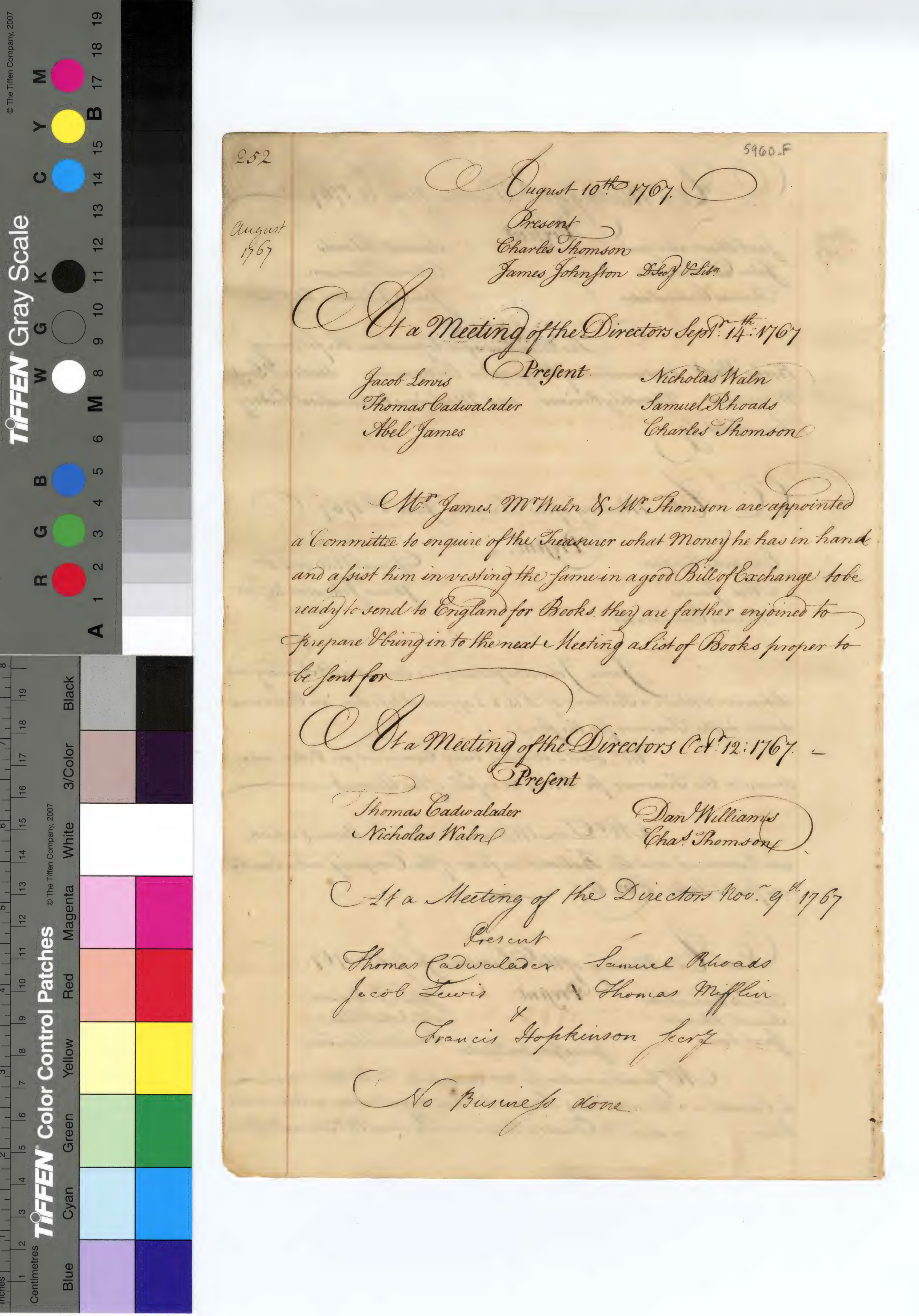
At a Meeting of the Directors July 13: 1767.

Present. -

Thomas Cadwalader
Samuel Rhoads
Jacob Lewis

John Dickinson
Nicholas Waln
Charles Thomson
James Johnston Secy & Lib^r

Mr. Jacob Shoemaker (by Mr. Cadwalader & Mr. Waln) desires to
be Excused as a Director being indisposed & that they w^d chuse another in his
Room. - on which the Directors Unanimously chose Mr. Thomas Mifflin



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August 10th 1767

Present
Charles Thomson
James Johnston Secy & Lib.

At a Meeting of the Directors Sept: 14th 1767

Jacob Lewis
Thomas Cadwalader
Abel James

Present

Nicholas Waln
Samuel Rhoads
Charles Thomson

Mr James M^r Waln & M^r Thomson are appointed
a Committee to enquire of the Treasurer what Money he has in hand
and assist him in vesting the same in a good Bill of Exchange to be
ready to send to England for Books. they are farther enjoined to
prepare & bring in to the next Meeting a List of Books proper to
be sent for

At a Meeting of the Directors Oct: 12: 1767

Present

Thomas Cadwalader
Nicholas Waln

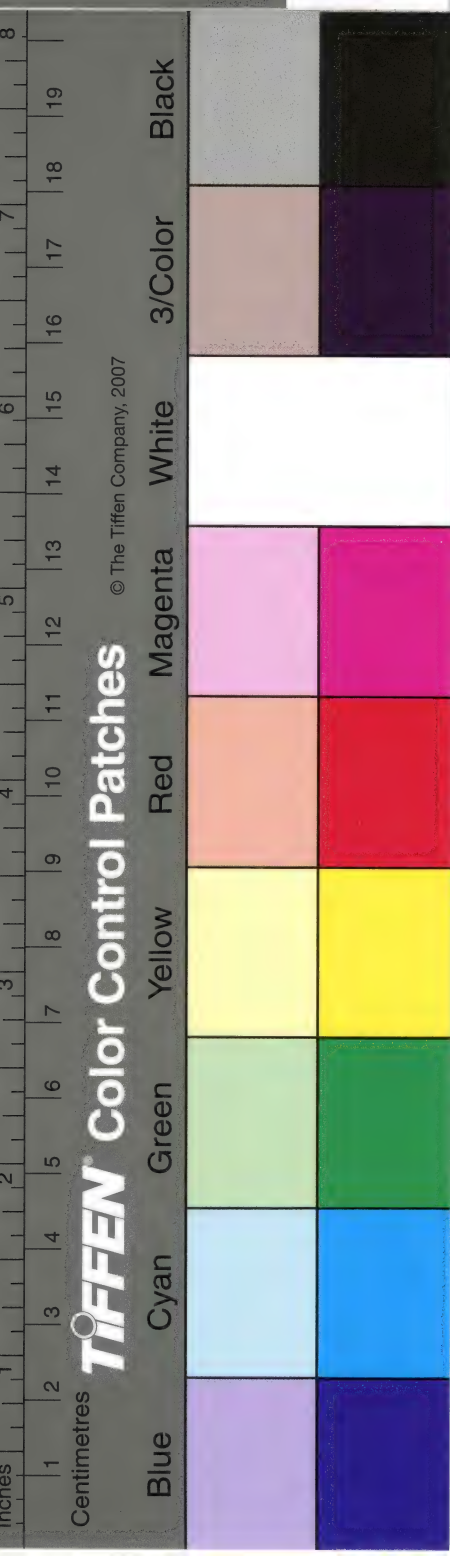
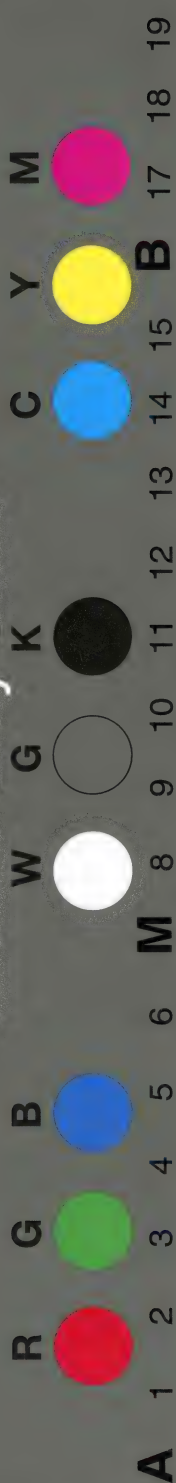
Dan Williams
Chas^s Thomson

At a Meeting of the Directors Nov: 9th 1767

Present

Thomas Cadwalader Samuel Rhoads
Jacob Lewis Thomas Mifflin
&
Francis Hopkinson Secy

No Business done



At a Meeting of the Directors Dec^r 14th 1767

Present

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Thos Cadwalader Samuel Rhoads.
Abel James Jacob Lewis
Thos Mifflin Daniel Rundle
John Dickinson Charles Thomson
Nicholas Waln Edward Shippen

Francis Hopkinson Secretary

M^r Hopkinson returned his Thanks to the Board and expressed his sense of the Favour done him in permitting to execute his Office by Means of a Deputy during his Absence; & assured the Directors that it was with the greatest Pleasure he now resumed his Seat amongst them as their Secretary.

The Secretary reported that he had brought with him from England Hogarth's Works compleat & the Ruins of Athens, both which Books had been delivered to him by D^r Franklin for the Library Company; agreeable to an Order formerly made by the Directors for purchasing them.

He also reported that M^r Benjamin West formerly of this City; but now of London Historical Painter had presented to the Company, with his respectful Compl^t, a Woman's Hand taken from an Egyptian Mummy, in good Preservation.

Ordered that the Secretary in the Name of this Board, return M^r West their respectful Compl^t with many Thanks for the Present he has been pleased to make them; & assure him that they not only esteem his Favour as being a real & valuable Curiosity; but more particularly as an Instance of Regard from a Gentleman of this City who has distinguished himself by his extraordinary Abilities.

M^r Waln reported ~~that~~ that M^r Edward Pennington had delivered into the Library a Manuscript Copy of the Bible in Latin; which was presented

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to the Company by Dr Vaux of London.

Ordered that the Thanks of this Board be transmitted to Dr Vaux by the Means of Mr Pennington for this valuable Curiosity; & that the Secretary deliver Mr Pennington a Copy of this Minute for that Purpose.

Ordered that Mr Charles Thomson & Mr Abel James purchase a Bill of £50 Sterl^y payable to Dr Franklin & that they draw on the Treasure for Cash to pay for the said Bill. A List of Books was then agreed upon to be sent for & the Committee above mentioned were directed to request Dr Franklin to purchase said Books & to send such other Books as he should think proper as far as the Money would extend after paying himself for Cash advanced in Behalf of the Company.

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At a Meeting of the Directors

January 11th 1768

Present

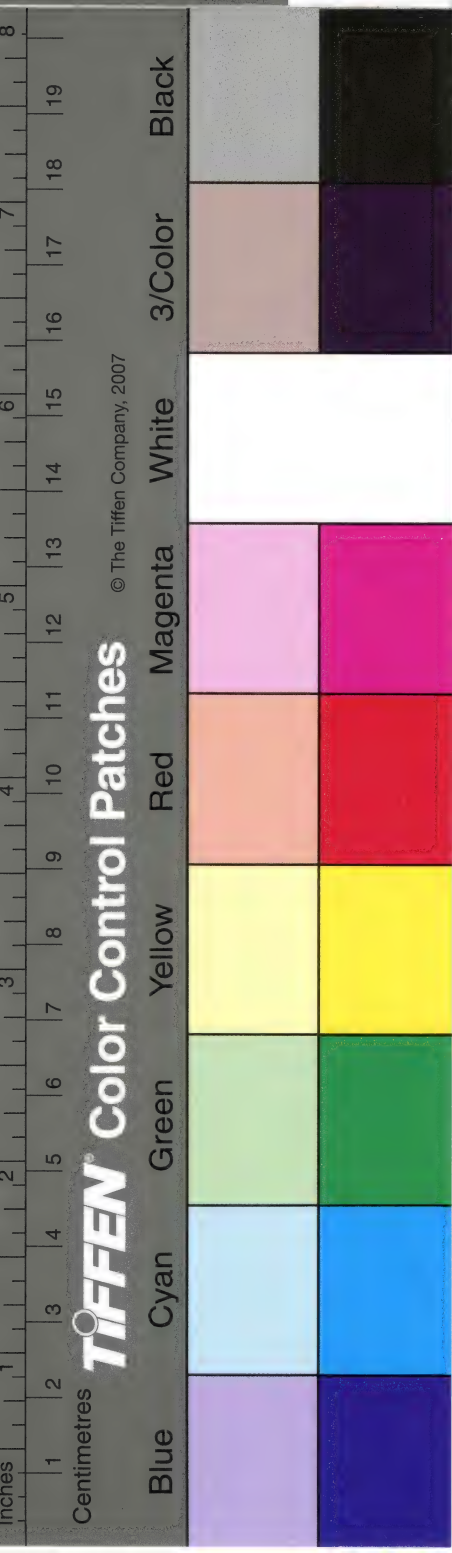
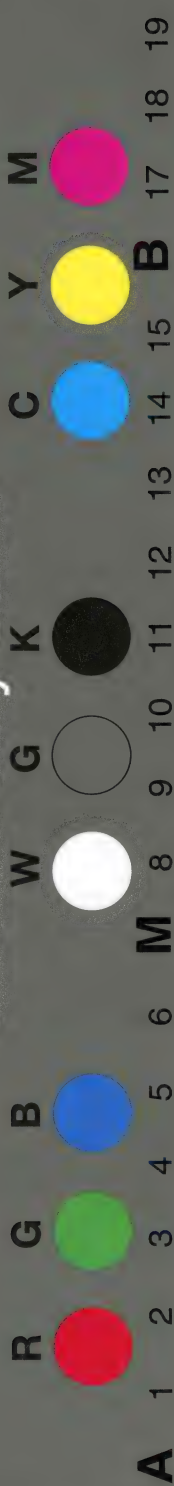
Thos Cadwallader	Edward Shippen
Abel James	Charles Thomson
John Dickinson	Thomas Mifflin
Nicholas Waln	Samuel Rhoads
Daniel Williams Treas ^r	
Francis Hopkinson Sec ^y	

The Secretary reported that he had delivered into the Librarian The Ruins of Athens, a Set of American Plates, & the Hand taken from an Egyptian Mummy mentioned in a former Minute.

He also reported that he had given Mr Edward Pennington a Copy of the Minute of last Meeting, directed to be transmitted to Dr Vaux of London, & that he had sent to Mr Benj^t West of London the Thanks of this Board for this kind Present.

The Directors then took into Consideration the high Price of a Share in the Library Company which now amounts to £21. & the Inconveniences

attending



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1768 attending it continually encreasing: After mature Deliberation, they unanimously agreed that it would be expedient to lower the Price of a Share to Ten Pounds & to fix it at that Sum; by which means it was supposed many People would be induced to purchase in, and the Annual Income to the Company be considerably augmented; The Secretary was therefore ordered to put the following Advertisement in the next Papers Viz

"The Members of the Library Company of Philadelphia are desired to meet at the Library Room on Saturday the 20th of February next at three o'Clock in the afternoon in Order to give their Votes respecting a Law proposed to be passed for reducing the Price of a Share in the said Company's Books & Effects to Ten Pounds Pennsylvania Currency; and to empower the Directors from Time to Time to dispose of such Duplicates of Books in the Library as they shall judge expedient for the Benefit of the Company."

Ordered that the Secretary get a Number of Advertisements of the said Purport printed & served upon such Members as shall be in Town two or three Days before the Time appointed, that they may have the fullest Notice possible of the said Meeting.

Messrs John Dickinson, Esq. Shippen & Nicholas Waln were appointed a Committee for preparing a Law for the Purposes above-mentioned against the said 20th of February

At a Meeting of the Directors Feb. 8th 1768

Present

Tho. Cadwallader	Samuel Rhoads
Daniel Williams	Tho. Mifflin
Jacob Lewis	John Dickinson
Daniel Rundle	James Johnston. Dep. Secy

No Business done

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At a Meeting of the Library Company
at the Library Room on
Saturday the 20th of February 1768

Present

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 John Roberts | 9 Samuel Rhoads | 17 Jeremiah Warder |
| 2 Peter Reeve | 10 Daniel Rundle | 18 Charles Willing |
| 3 George Emley Junr | 11 Nicholas Waln | 19 Thomas Bond |
| 4 Robert Strettle Jones | 12 Daniel Williams | 20 Joseph Swift |
| 5 Joseph King | 13 Tho ^l Mifflin | By Proxy |
| 6 Jacob Leibis | 14 Abel James | 21 Tra ^l Hopkinson |
| 7 Charles Thomson | 15 Francis Alison | 22 William Logan |
| 8 Edw ^d Shippin | 16 Michael Phillips | 23 Daniel Wistar |
| | | 24 John Biddle |
| | | 25 Isaac Paschal |
| | | 26 Tra ^l Richardson |
| | | 27 Joseph Morris |
| | | 28 Joseph Richardson |

A Law for lowering the Price of a Share in the Philadelphia Library Company & for empowering the Directors from Time to Time to dispose of Duplicates & broken Sets of Books in the Library being read the same was unanimously agreed to and enacted; and is as follows.

"A Law for reducing & fixing the Price at which a Share in the Library may be purchased and to enable the Directors to dispose of Duplicates of Books & for the encreasing the Funds of the Library Company of Philadelphia for the enlarging the Collection of Books & facilitating the Advancement of Knowledge & Literature It is enacted by the said Library Company that any Person or Persons (who shall be approved of by the Directors for the Time being) shall be admitted a Member or Members of the said Company and be intitled to a Share in the Books, Effects & Estate of the said Company as fully to all Intents & Purposes as any Member now is or may or can be upon paying into the Hands of the said Company's Treasurer the Sum of Ten Pounds — lawful Money of Pennsylvania and receiving a Certificate agreeable to the Directions of the Law directing the Manner of admitting new Members.

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And it is further enacted that the Directors of the
said Company for the Time being shall & may from
Time to Time as to them shall seem meet sell & dispose
of such Duplicates & broken sets of books as shall be
found in the said Library, and the Monies arising from
such sale to pay for the Company's Treasurer for the
Use of the said Library. —

At a Meeting of the Directors

March 14th 1768

Present

Thos. Cadwallader	Samuel Rhoads
Jacob Lewis	Daniel Rundell
Thos. Mifflin	John Dickinson
Charles Thomson &	Tras. Hopkinson Secy

Ordered that the Secretary draw up an Advertise-
ment respecting the Law lately past for reducing the
Price of a Share in the Library Companies to £10 —
and get it inserted in the next Papers. —

The following Gentlemen, in Consequence of
the late Regulation applied to the Directors for
Leave to purchase in Vir. Messrs Thomas Foxcraft
Joseph Wharton Junr. Thomas Prior, Samuel Barge, John
Palmer & John Goodwin. To which the Directors
readily assented.

Mr. Thos. Mifflin was added to the Committee
for purchasing a Bill of Exchange as directed by
a Minute made in November last.

At a Meeting &c April 11th 1768

Present

Thomas Cadwallader	Charles Thomson
Abel James	Thos. Mifflin
Edw. Shippen	Samuel Rhoads
Nicholas Waln	Daniel Williams Treasr.
	Tras. Hopkinson Secy

The Secretary reported that M^r. Robert Morris

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desired Leave to possess the Share of Robert Greenway dec.^d to which the Directors replied that Robert Greenway had died in the Company's Debt to a considerable Amount, they could not therefore consent to any Person's enjoying his Share, until the said Debt was discharg'd. —

Samuel Shaw applied to the Directors for Leave to transfer his Share to his Brother John Shaw: which was assented to. —

The following Persons were admitted to purchase Shares in the Company viz.

Thomas Torcroft
John Penn Esq.
Joseph Dean
Godfrey Twells
John White
Adam Hoops
Edward Duffield
John Gibson
John Goodwin
John Palmer
Samuel Burge
Joseph Wharton Jun.
Samuel Mifflin
Samuel Howel
John Swift
Thomas Pryor, (Note. The Union taking place immediately after ^{this}
Thomas Wharton ^{being a Member of the Union let. declined taking this Share as he then w^d have two.}

The Committee appointed to purchase a Bill of Exchange reported that they had bought one for £50 Sterl. at 67 1/2 p. Ct

The Treasurer reported that he had no printed Certificates left. Ordered that he get 700 struck off and pay for the same out of the Company's stock. —

At an Election held at the Library Room on Monday the 2^d of May 1768 the following Persons were chosen Directors for the ensuing Year.

Tho ^d . Cadwallader	Thomas Mifflin
Samuel Rhoads	Charles Thomson
Edward Shippen	Abel James
Jacob Lewis	Daniel Rundle
John Dickinson	Nicholas Waln
Daniel Williams Treasurer	
Tra ^d . Hopkinson Secretary	

At a Meeting of the Directors
May 9th 1768
Present

Tho ^d . Cadwallader	Tho ^d . Mifflin
Samuel Rhoads	Abel James
Jacob Lewis	Charles Thomson

The Treasurer produced his Acct. whereby it appeared that there was a Ballance in his Hands in Favour of the Company amounting to £69-6-7
The Secretary's & Librarian's Accounts were likewise settled -

And Account from Franklin & Hall - £1-0- -
Do - - - Hall & Sellers - - - - - 4-19- -
Do - - Samuel Taylor - - - - - 6-15-6
were allowed & ordered to be discharged.

Samuel Nichols desired Leave to possess his Father's share, which was agreed to -

Samuel Shoemaker applied for Liberty to make over his share to his Son Benjamin, & Jonathan Evans to his Son Joel; both which were allowed.

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Orders were drawn on the Treasurer to discharge the following Accounts Viz.

Thos ^r Hopkinson's	£6-12-	
Samuel Taylor's	6-15-6	inc
Franklin & Hall	1-0-	stet
Hall & Sellers	4-19-	t:

Thomas Mifflin & Jacob Lewis were appointed Committee to examine the Library & compare the Books with the Catalogues delivered to the Librarian James Johnson who now desires to deliver up his Charge

Ludovic Spragle being recommended to the Board as a proper Person to take Charge of the Library, the Committee above mentioned were desired to agree with him, & if he will undertake the Charge they are empower'd to deliver the Library into his Care, taking a Bond with Security for the faithful Discharge of his Trust.

An Order was drawn on the Treasurer in Favor of James Johnson, for £8-9-1 the Ballance of his Account.

At a Meeting of the Directors June 13th 1768

Present

Abel James	Jacob Lewis
Thos ^r Mifflin	Charles Thomson
T. Hopkinson	

No Business done for Want of a Board

At a Meeting & July 11th 1768

Present

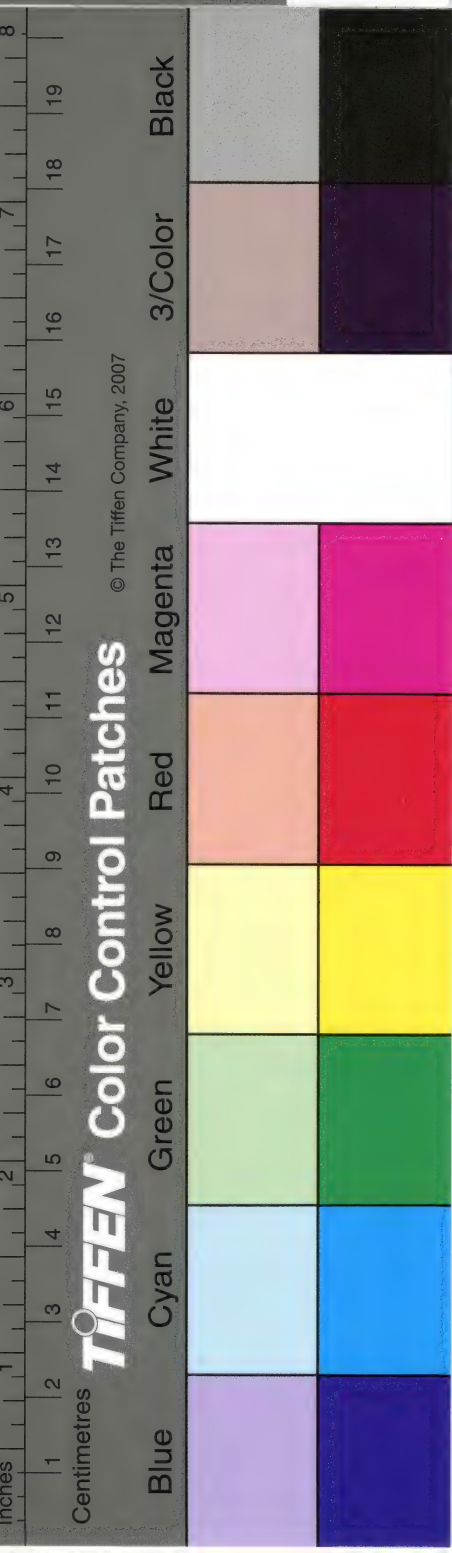
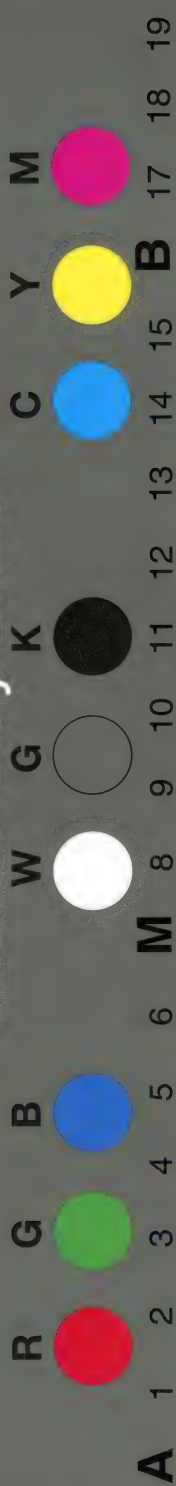
Abel James	Nicholas Waln
Charles Thomson	& the Secretary

No Business done for Want of a Board

At a Meeting & Aug^t 1768 Present

Thos ^r Badwallader	John Dickinson
Charles Thomson	& the Secretary

No Business done



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At a Meeting & Sept. 12th 1768

Present

Thomas Cadwallader Samuel Rhoads
Abel James Tho. Mifflin

No Business done -

At a Meeting & Oct. 10th 1768

Present

Tho. Cadwallader John Dickinson
Jacob Lewis Tho. Mifflin
Charles Thomson & the Secretary

No Business done

At a ^{Special} Meeting & Nov. 1st 1768

Present

Samuel Rhoads Daniel Rundle
Jacob Lewis Tho. Mifflin
John Dickinson Tho. Cadwallader
Charles Thomson Daniel Williams Secy.

Jacob Lewis & Tho. Mifflin report that in consequence of their Appointment the 9th May last they examined the Library they had examined the Library & found the Books there answerable to the Catalogue delivered in to Mr. James Johnson & that they had agreed with Ludovic Spogle to be Librarian on the same Terms as James Johnson served -

The same Committee were continued, & directed to take Bond of the Librarian & lodge it with the Secretary

Abel James, Tho. Mifflin & Charles Thomson are appointed a Committee to receive from the Treasurer the Money in his Hands & invest it in a Bill of Exchange & send it to Dr. Franklin & request the Favour of him to purchase the following Books & inform him that if the Books exceed the Money sent, the Company will repay it by the first opportunity

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But if the Books should not amount to the Money sent, they are to request him, to add such others to the List as he shall think proper. —

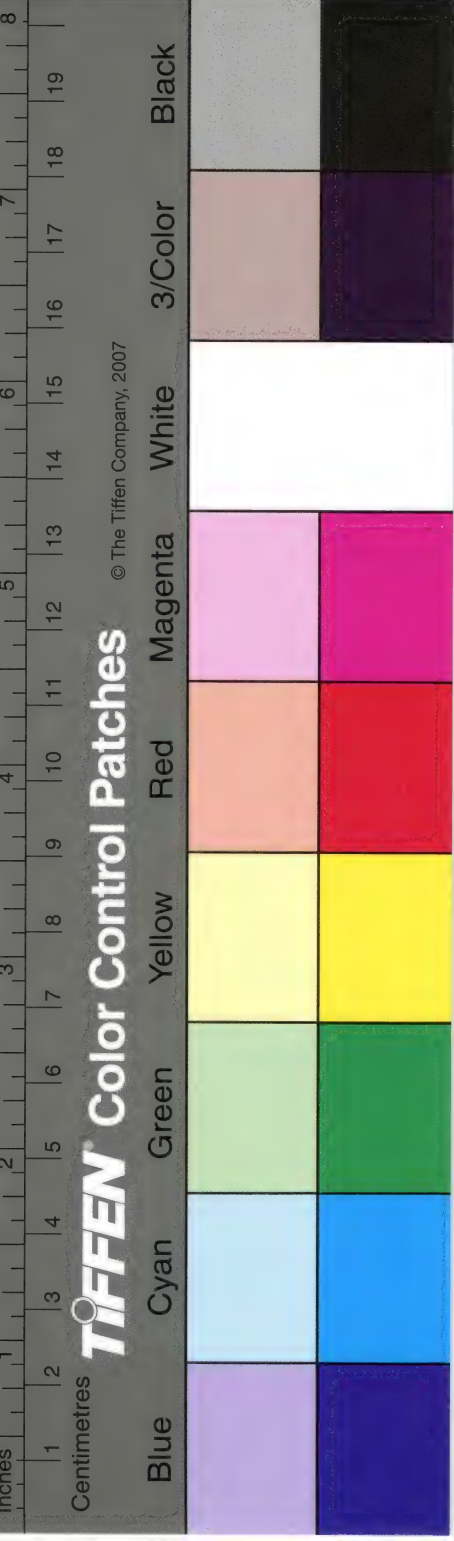
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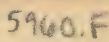
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American Tracts 2 Vols 800	John Bunell	Prinus of Roetium
Blackstones Commentaries 4 ^{to}	Swift's Letters - 3 Vols	Complet. Collect. of J. A. D. D. D.
Ogilvie's Poems	Hawthornth's Telemachus	Stones Astronom. Reflect.
Lewis's Commer. Philos. 4 ^{to}	Obvers. on the Nautical	Sharp's Letters from St. A.
Moral Tales.	from mag. Chap. to St. J. 1 st	Barell's Answer to Sharp's Refl.
Crato, or Essays on var. Sub.	Whitelock's Notes on the	Memoirs of the Prince of Conde
Confessional	King's Writ. - 2 Vols	Boswell's Act of Corsica
Free & candid Disquisitions	Hist. of the late War by	Smith's Theory of moral sent.
Bishop Elly's Tracts on the	a genl. Officer - 4 ^{to}	Stor's Sentiment. Journey
temp. Liberty of Subjects.	Essay on the Hist. of civil	An Attempt to explain the words
British Liberty -	Society by Ferguson	Reason, Substance, Lesson, Creed
Burys Life of Henry. 4 ^{to} of Tr.	The arts Enquiry into	Orthodoxy -
Dignity of Human Nature.	the Princ. of polit. Econ.	Buccaria's Essay on Crimes &
McCauley's Hist. of Engl?	Present State of G. Brit. &	Punishments with Voltaire's Comm.
L. Lettleton's Hist. of Henry 2 ^d	the North. Colonies -	Colman's Tercet
Robertson's Hist. of Cher. 5 th	Elements of Clock &	Shornton's Plautus
Talkner's marine Dictionary	Watch work by Cummins	Astronom. Ephemeris for 1767
Memoirs of the Dublin Society	Principles of Harrison's	Mayer's Tables
	Time Piece with Cuts	Lysenham's Transla. of Plato
	Warner's Hist. of Incl.	New Collect. of Voy. & Travels 7 Vols
	Priestly's Hist. of Electri.	Memoirs of Mad. De la Moirville
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	Hampe deus Poilbiers	Trigonometria Britannica

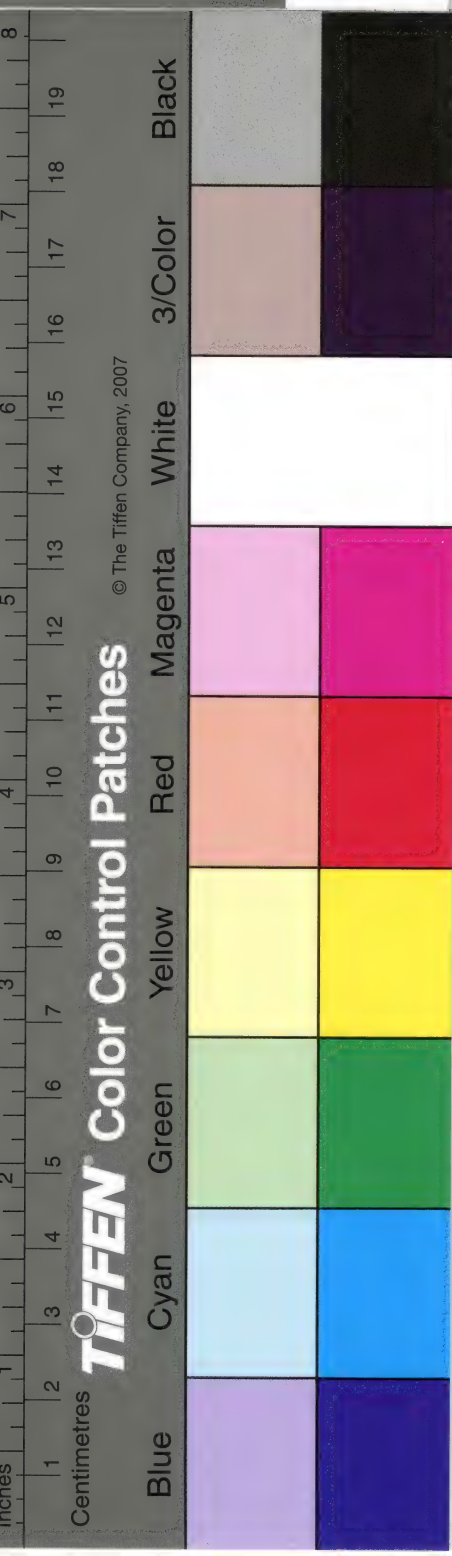
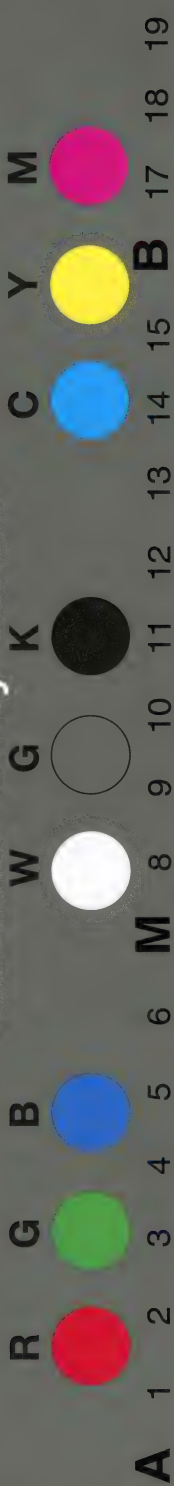
Agreed to apply to Mr. David Hall & desire him to send for the monthly Review & Gent. & Lond. Magazines bound & deliver them as soon as they come to Chas. Thomson for the Use of the Library —

End of the first Volume

Tral. Hopkinson Secretary







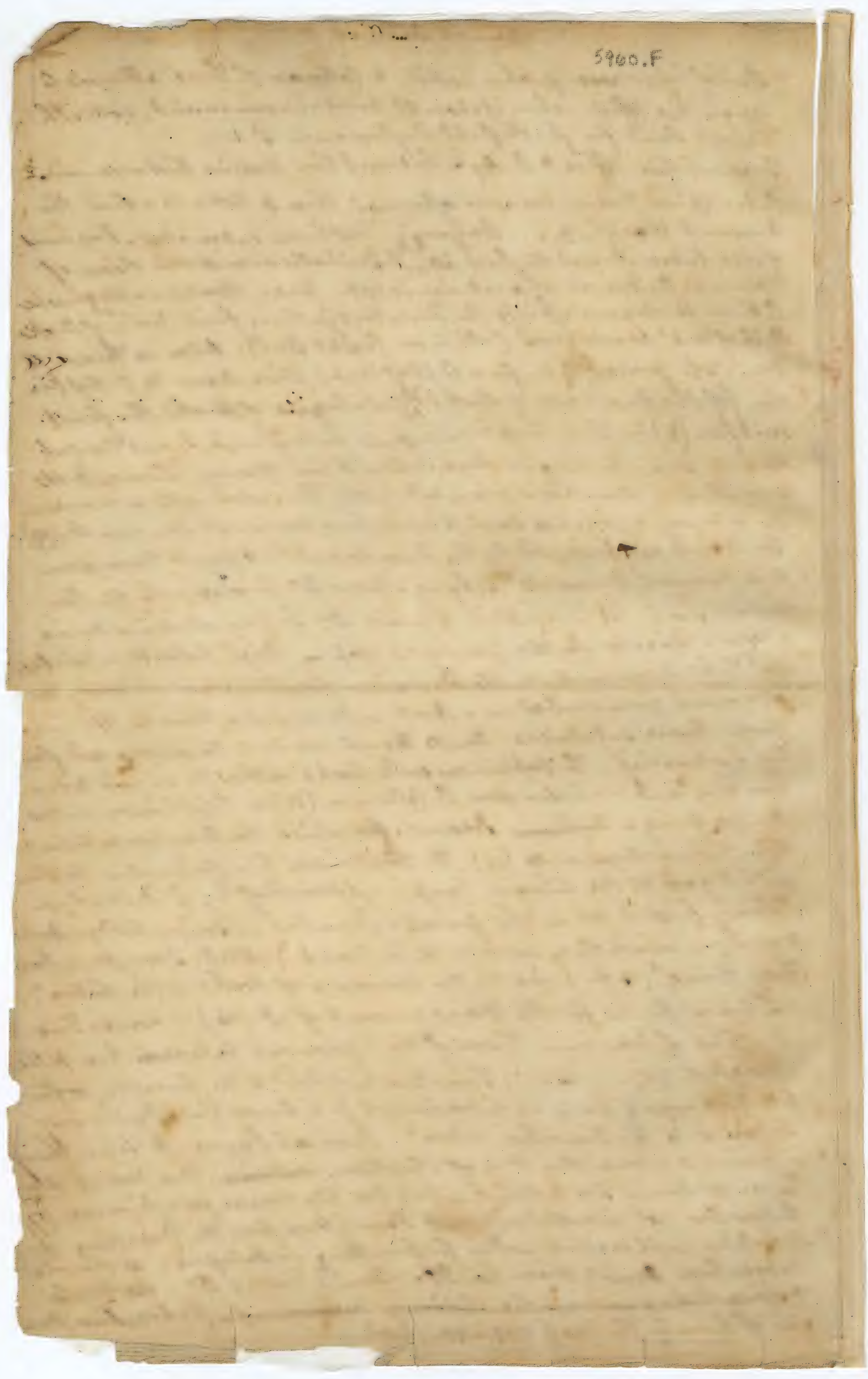
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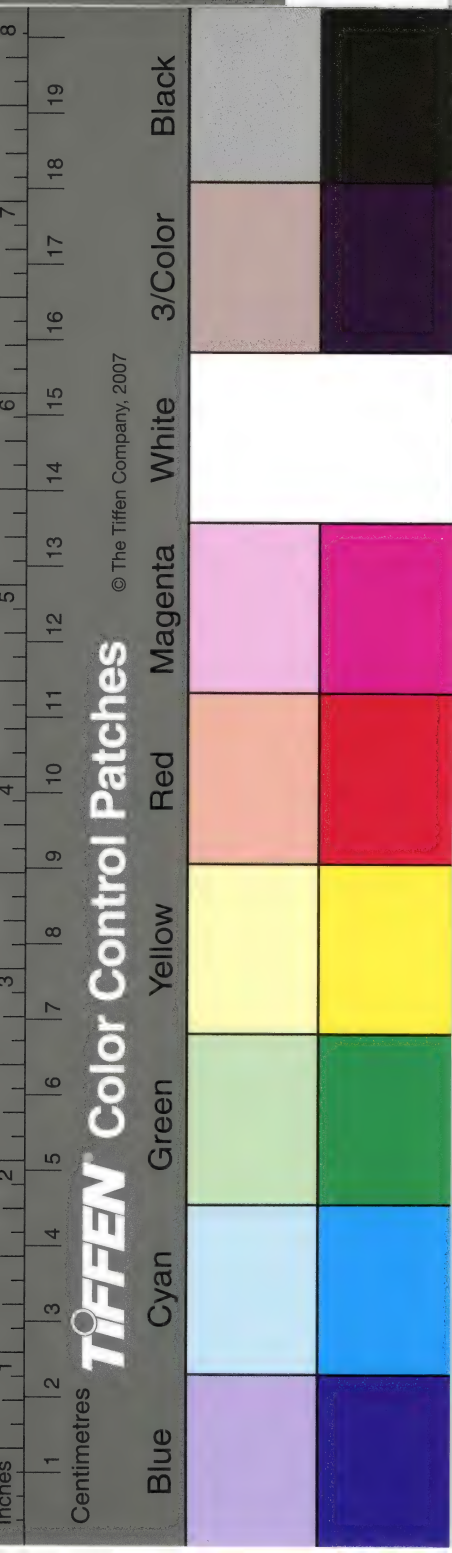
Deed of Partnership when dated. W. Coleman 1st Treas. allowed to resign his office when it should prove inconvenient, without Stand. Bond for faithful Performance. 1. — Treasurer his Office & Duty. Subscription Monies first received. 2. Subscription Monies, Manner of receiving them & Notice to attend the Payment thereof. — 3. — Benjamin Eastburn subscribes. Payment of each Subscriber at the first 40th. B. Parrish admitted in Room of Ephraim Andrews who relinquishes. Isaac Brown relinquishes. 4. — W. Logan assists the Directors in their first Choice of Books. Bill of Exch. drawn on P. Collinson for 45th Sterls. Order on Treas. to pay Robt. Grace 4th 5. for a Bill of Exch. Directions to T. Hopkinson for the purchase of Books. Catalogue of Books the first sent for. (8) — Tho^s Hopkinson sails for England. James Fox subscribes. Isaac Pennington pays Subscription Money. Thomas Potts subscribes. C. Brockden presented by the Directors with a share in the Library, & 16 Years Exemption from Annual Payments. — (9). — Dr. Brimhall presented by the Directors with 6 Years Exemption from Annual Payments. P. Syng 2 Years 2nd for engraving the Company's Seal. B. Franklin 2 Years 2nd. P. Syng declines being chosen a Director for the Year 1732. — (10). — Hugh Roberts subscribes. Tho^s Hopkinson writes to the Directors from England. Library Instrument transcribed in a Book with an Index thereto. (11) — George Boone subscribes. David French desires to be discharged from his Partnership. Tho^s Hopkinson sends Books Letters &c. in good Order from England & a Letter from P. Collinson. (12) — P. Collinson makes the Company a valuable Present. for which the Directors return their acknowledgements. (13) Tho^s Hopkinson his Conduct in England with regard to the Library (comp.) approved of by 4th Directors. Library first kept in Mr. Grace's Chamber in Jones's Alley. Books Manner in which they were to be lent out settled. Company's Note Form thereof to be given by the Borrower of Books to the Librarian. Library Rules for the Management of it. (14). — Louis Timothee first Librarian. Form of the Agreement between him & the Directors. (15). — Louis Timothee his Bond to the Directors for faithful Discharge of Duty as Librarian. (16). Library Custody thereof delivered to L. Timothee Libraⁿ. Annual Payments Time thereof appointed to be on the Day of Election. William Edw. Evans allowed to accept James Fox's Share. Tho^s Fox his Reason for resigning. (17) Franklin will receive no Pay for printing Catalogue. W. Rawle subscribes. Daniel Harrison 2nd. Edward Evans 2nd. — Tho^s Taylor & Alice Peters witness the Library Instrument. Subscribers Number of them in the Year 1732. — 38. — (18).

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Articles

Of the Amicable Library Company

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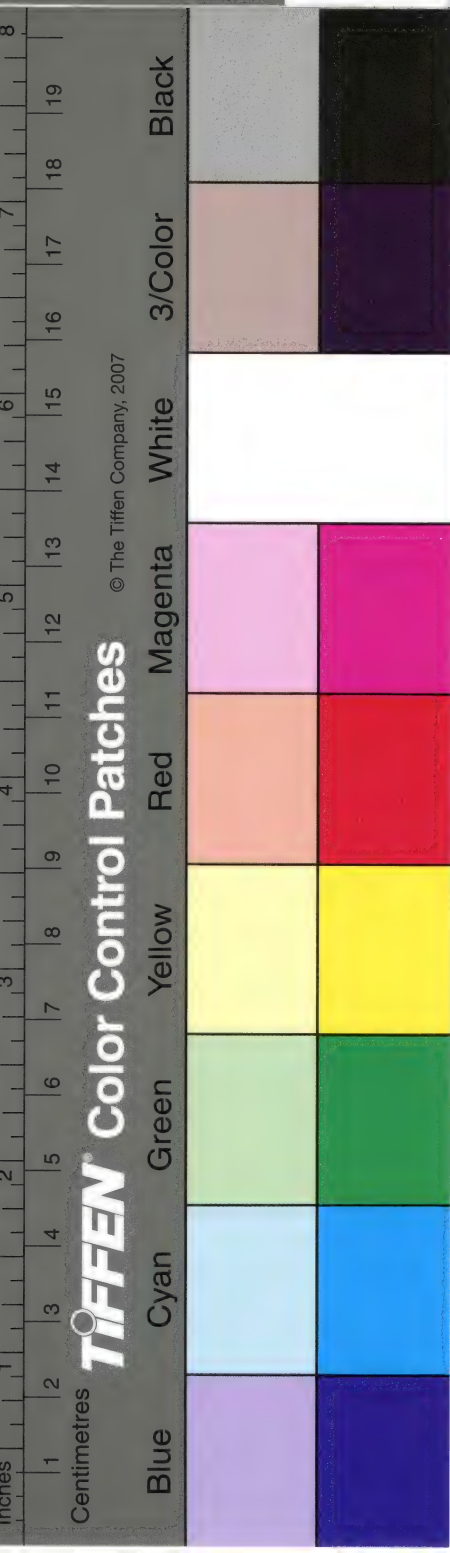
Introduction

The Eighth Day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty Seven We who have hereunto Subscribed our Names and Affixed our Seals desirous to Advance Knowledge and Literature in the City of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania do agree to Place together each one of us the sum of twenty Shillings Wherewith to form a joint Stock for the Purchasing a Collection of Usefull Books to compose a Library in the said City of Philadelphia and we do further Covenant and Agree each one for himself his Heirs Executors and Administrators to pay the said sum of twenty Shillings to the Treasurer of the said Library in Manner following that is to say.

I That the Money so by us collected and advanced, and all other Monies to be collected and Paid for the Establishing & Increasing of our said Library or the Service thereof shall from time to time ~~be~~ be put into the hands of some fit Person to be elected for Treasurer as herein after mentioned for the Collecting & Purchasing of such Books and for such other Services appertaining to the Library, as the Committee of Directors of the same Library to be born as herein after mentioned shall think fit to Chuse and Direct.

II That no Person shall be admitted after the first Subscribers, nor any Person entitled to a share in the Books and Effects of the Company, nor Received as a Member thereof without first being allowed of and Received as such by a Majority of the said Committee of Directors, and without first subscribing his Name to this Instrument in sealing the same with his Seal in the Presence of two or more sufficient Witnesses, and Pay into the hands of the Companys Treasurer, so much, or such a Sum of Money as the same being added to the Value of the Whole Collection of Books and Effects now being had by the Presiding Committee of Directors to Loss, Wear, and unforeseen Accidents which is hereby committed to their Care and Judgment will at the time of each Subscription render the Subscribers Shares of equal Value with any one of the Rest.

III That upon the Payment of the Subscription Money, and all other Monies hereafter to be Paid for the Service of the Library, the Party shall receive of the Companys Treasurer a Certificate under his hand and the Companys Seal, containing the Name of the Person, and the Sum Paid, the time when, and the Account or use for which he Paid it.



IV That for the better Preservation of a just Equality, which it is hereby agreed shall subsist among the Parties hereto agreeing, no one Person shall Pay more or other than such a Proportion as aforesaid, of the Value of the Library and Effects, nor shall he be entitled to more than one Equal Share with one of the Residue of the Parties in Company as aforesaid, nor shall any one, being so entitled, accept of a further Bargain Sale or Conveyance or a surance from another, but if any Member in Partnership aforesaid, shall as Executor or Administrator of another or by any other Means come to a Plurality of Shares in the Books and Effects aforesaid, he shall immediately on Receipt of an Order from the Committee of Directors, transfer & convey so much thereof as will Reduce his Part to such an Equality as aforesaid, unto some fit Person not already entitled to any share, the Person to be such as the Committee shall approve of.

V That every one of our Executors or Administrators shall immediately upon the Death of any such Person of the Committee as aforesaid, transfer or convey his Testator or Decedent's Part in Company as aforesaid, unto such Person as the same Committee shall approve of.

VI That the Number of Subscribers shall not Exceed One Hundred at any time of the Whole, and that no Person shall be of the Company, nor have any Right or Interest in their Library Effects, Whether he come in Primarily by Paying in a Part of the Subscription Money to the Treasurer, or by Purchase of another, which any Person may do, but not without the ^{allowance of the} Committee of Directors at the Rate aforesaid, without first Subscribing hereunto as aforesaid, in Person or by Proxy legally and sufficiently authorized.

VII That the Committee's Allowance or Approbation of each Member into Partnership shall be signified by their Permitting him to subscribe hereunto as aforesaid.

VIII That we the Subscribers hereunto, for the Increasing our said Library and the Service thereof, shall and will each one of us, our Executors or Administrators, respectively further Advance and Pay into the Hands of the Treasurer Ten Shillings a Year, at the Day to be Appointed by our Committee Annually, and so from time to time, until Aliteration of our respective Parts in Company aforesaid, according to the Purport hereof.

IX But if any Subscriber hereto, his Executors or Administrators do Neglect to Pay any of the Sums of Ten Shillings Annually aforesaid, at the day so to be appointed for the Payment thereof, such Subscriber his Executor or Administrator shall be admitted by the Presiding Committee any time within two Years next after the day of Payment, to Pay in Manner following, that is to say, the Sum of two Shillings and Six pence for each Quarter of the first Year next after such Neglect, and the Sum of Five Shillings for each Quarter of the second Year next after such Neglect, as aforesaid making in the whole the Sum of Three Pounds in lieu of thirty Shillings, the three Annual Payments Neglected, and so in Proportion for any Part thereof, which if such Person shall longer Neglect, or if any Person having more than such an Equal Share as aforesaid, shall Neglect to comply with the Directors Orders for the Reduction thereof to an Equality with one of the Rest by Sale as aforesaid, then in every such case the Party so Neglecting or Refusing, his Executors Administrators & Assigns shall from thenceforth forever after be excluded from the said Partnership, and from any share, Right or Benefit in the Library, Books or Effects aforesaid, and be Disabled from making any Conveyance thereof.

Afterwards, and the Committee of Directors causing their Clerk to enter the Occasion in Delinquents share and Right in the Summs shall become forfeited and devolve upon the Committee of Directors for them to transfer and to make over to such Person as they shall think fit, the better to keep up the Number of the Partners at the Real Value of their Shares to be Estimated as aforesaid, and to be Paid to the Treasurer for the use of the Library.

X That if any subscriber for the more expeditious raising a Stock for the Encouragement of the ends hereby intended shall be willing to Advance his Ten Shillings ^{or} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ hand for a Number of years to come he shall be Permitted so to do and Proper Entry made thereof in the Directors Minutes and a Certificate Delivered him by the Clerk he shall be Excused untill such Number of years be Expired.

XI That we the said subscribers will be and Continue in Partnership and hold our Library of Books and Effects thereunto appertaining in Common for and during the space of One Hundred years from the Day of the Date hereof.

XII That during the same space we will not demand of our Treasurer nor of any other Person hereafter to be our Treasurer according to this Present Constitution Condition of the Monies aforesaid nor of Monies hereafter to be collected and Paid for the common use of the subscribers in Company aforesaid nor demand or seek to have Portion thereof of the Books and Effects to be therewith Purchased, but that the Books and Effects and the Monies also after Payment thereof to our Treasurer shall be and Remain at all times hereafter during the Continuance of this Partnership the Indistinguishable Property of all the members of the said Company the subscribers aforesaid under the order and Direction of the Committee of Directors aforesaid and to and for the several and respective uses, and Purposes herein after Limited Directed and Declared yet subject to the Provisions and conditions herein contained and to no other use Interest nor Purpose whatsoever.

XIII That when and as often as any one of us the said subscribers shall be chosen one of the Company's directors or a Treasurer and refuse to serve such member so refusing shall forfeit and Pay into the hands of the Treasurer the sum of Five Shillings for the use of the Library as aforesaid and not be Obliged either to Pay or serve for the space of four years then next ensuing and also that when any one of us the subscribers aforesaid shall be chosen Clerk for the said Company and refuse to serve such member so refusing shall forfeit and Pay as aforesaid the sum of Five Shillings and not be Obliged to Pay or serve untill the whole Company have either served as Clerks to said Company or Paid as aforesaid, and further that when any of us are by Virtue of these Presents chosen and he accept the Office shall be true and faithfull in the Exercise of his function and in the Discharge of the trust committed to him, everyone according to the Nature and duty of his Office, but more Especially in Preserving to the utmost of his Power unto everyone of the subscribers in company aforesaid his just Right and Property in and to the said Books and Effects in common under the Order and Rule and Subject to the Limitations and Restrictions in and by these Presents Established Limited and Declared.

XIV That for Distinction sake the subscribers in Company now and hereafter at all times are and shall be called the Amicable Library Company of Philadelphia and shall have a common Seal with this Device

to be securely kept in the Library under the care of Directors whose Clerk upon the Annual Expiration of his Office or such other Person as they shall

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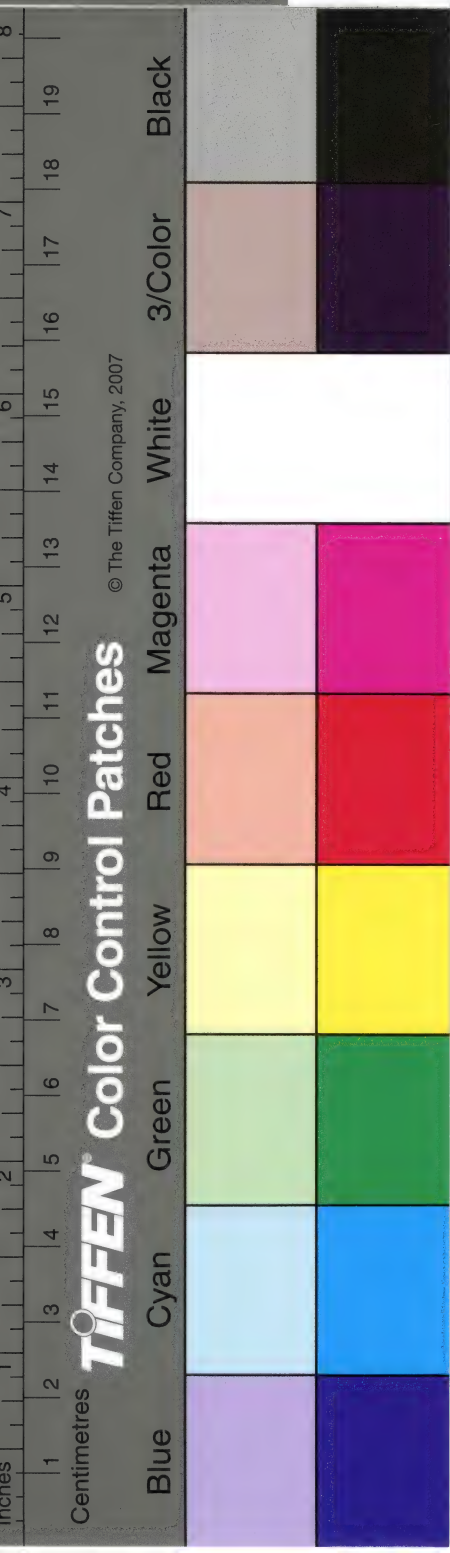
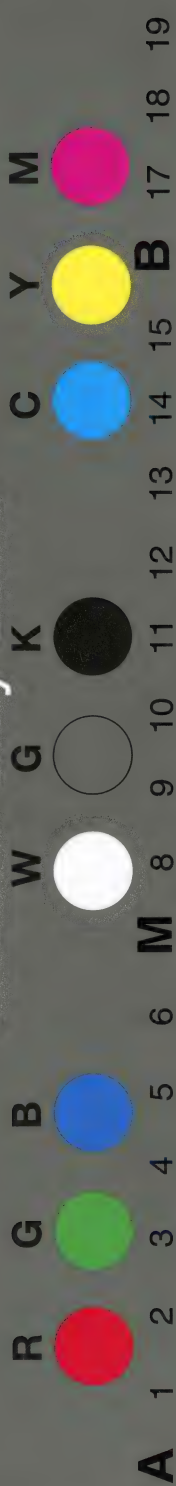
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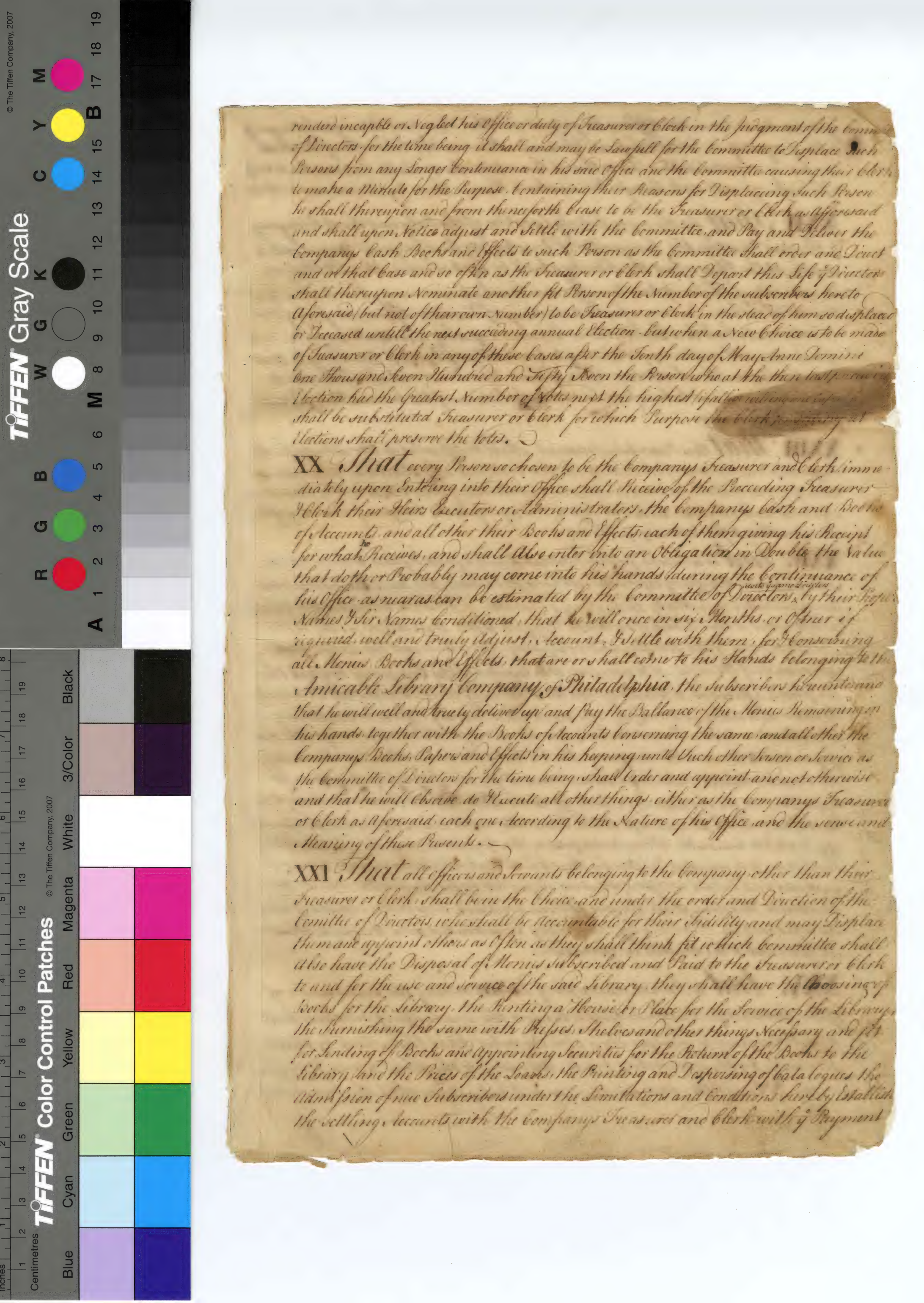
XV That for the better Preservation of order and Government among the Present and future Subscribers and in the use application and Management of the Monies Library Books and Effects Aforesaid they the said Subscribers shall Personally or by Proxy annually attend at the Place of Election in the said City of Philadelphia on the Tenth day of May in every Year during the continuance of this Partnership unless it happen on the first day of the Week and then meet the day following as aforesaid and that as many as appear to be duly Qualified shall Proceed to the choice of a Person of the number of the subscribers hereto to be the Companys Treasurer and five other Persons of the same Subscribers to be a Committee of Directors for the Year ensuing Also some Fit Person to serve as Clerk to the said Company and so on from Year to Year as hereafter Express during the Continuance of this Partnership the Place of Election to be agreed upon by the Directors of the current Year to be notified by their Clerk ten days before the Election by Printed or Written advertisements the Electors to choose by written tickets each containing the Names of the Five Persons Voted Directors and the Names of the Persons Voted Treasurer & Clerk and the Persons of the Company of the Subscribers Aforesaid who shall thereupon appear to have a Majority of Votes shall be the Companys Clerk Treasurer & Committee of Directors respectively for the Year next ensuing.

XVI That it shall and may be Lawfull to and for the Electors aforesaid when met at any time before the Hour of three in the Afternoon of the day of Election to appoint Persons to assist the Clerk in the Gathering of the votes and Entering and Numbering the names of the Electors and Persons Voted for and other Services appertaining to the Election and to appoint and direct any Method and rule in proceeding to and making the Election so as they appoint or Direct Nothing to Prejudice the authority of any Votes nor Infringe the Constitution hereby established in any of the Branches or Parts thereof.

XVII That the Subscribers hereto shall Elect one of their Number annually for Clerk as Aforesaid but if it shall hereafter be found more to the advantage of the Company to hire a Clerk or Sclerian then and in all such cases the Committee of Directors are thereby impowered to employ such Person as they shall think fit who is hereby required to collect the Votes at the Election as Aforesaid and shall faithfully enter in a Book to be kept for that Purpose the Names and Quantity of Electors and the Number of the Names of the Candidates according to the tickets and the said Committee of Directors are hereby Impowered to add to and increase the number of Directors as Occasion may require at all times hereafter Provided they do not at any one time in the whole exceed the Number of Ten.

XVIII That if any Person hereafter to be Elected to be of the Committee of Directors shall happen to die or Depart this Province or as to be absent for the space of two Months in any of the first ten Months of the Year for which he is Elected of a Committee as Aforesaid or if within the same Year or term of his Office he shall be confined by Sickness or otherwise rendered Incapable of executing the Office of a Director according to the true meaning hereof the rest of the Directors as often as occasion may require in any of the cases Aforesaid shall proceed in their duty and Office without him or if they think fit they shall Nominate some other suitable Person to supply his Place of a Director untill the next succeeding Election.

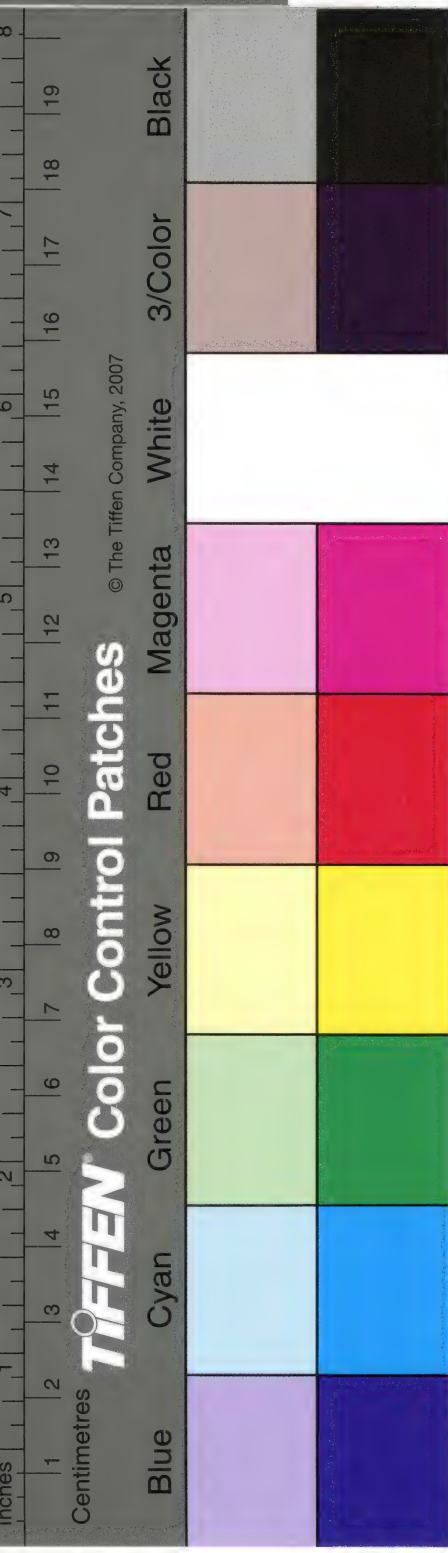
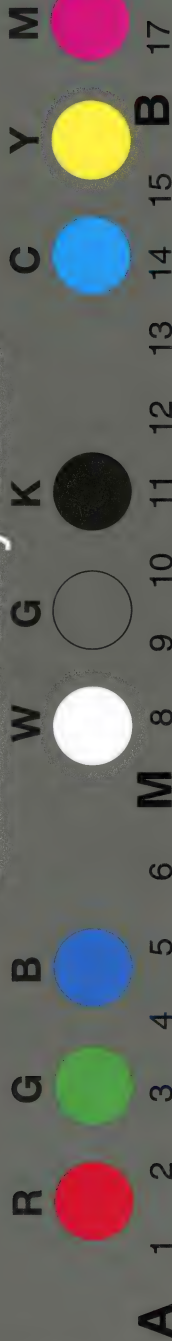
XIX That if any Person to be Elected the Companys Treasurer or Clerk as Aforesaid shall absent himself from his Office for the space of thirty Days or shall be otherwise



rendered incapable or neglect his Office or duty of Treasurer or Clerk in the judgment of the Committee of Directors for the time being it shall and may be Lawfull for the Committee to Displace such Persons from any longer Continuance in his said Office and the Committee causing their Clerk to make a Minute for the Purpose, containing their Reasons for Displacing such Person he shall thereupon and from thenceforth cease to be the Treasurer or Clerk as aforesaid and shall upon Notice adjust and settle with the Committee, and Pay and Deliver the Companys Cash Books and Effects to such Person as the Committee shall order and Direct and in that case and so often as the Treasurer or Clerk shall Depart this Life if Directors shall thereupon Nominate another fit Person of the Number of the subscribers hereto (aforesaid) but not of their own Number) to be Treasurer or Clerk in the stead of him so displaced or Deceased untill the next succeeding annual Election. but when a new Choice is to be made of Treasurer or Clerk in any of these Cases after the Tenth day of May Anne Domini One Thousand seven Hundred and Fifty Seven the Person who at the then last previous Election had the greatest Number of Votes next the highest Qualities will be and Capable shall be substituted Treasurer or Clerk for which Purpose the Clerk presiding at Elections shall preserve the votes. D

XX That every Person so chosen to be the Companys Treasurer and Clerk immediately upon Entering into their Office shall Receive of the Preceding Treasurer or Clerk their Heirs Executors or Administrators, the Companys Cash and Books of Accounts, and all other their Books and Effects, each of them giving his Receipt for what he Receives, and shall also enter into an Obligation in Double the Value that doth or Probably may come into his hands during the Continuance of his Office as near as can be estimated by the Committee of Directors, by their signed Names and Seals conditioned, that he will once in six Months or oftner if required, well and truly Adjust, settle with them, for Concerning all Monies Books and Effects, that are or shall come to his Hands belonging to the Amicable Library Company of Philadelphia, the subscribers hereunto and that he will well and truly deliver up and pay the Balance of the Monies remaining in his hands, together with the Books of Accounts Concerning the same, and all other the Companys Books, Papers and Effects in his keeping, unto such other Person or Service as the Committee of Directors for the time being, shall Order and appoint and not otherwise and that he will observe, do Execute all other things, either as the Companys Treasurer or Clerk as aforesaid, each one, according to the Nature of his Office and the sense and Meaning of these Presents.

XXI That all officers and Servants belonging to the Company other than their Treasurer or Clerk, shall be in the Choice and under the order and Direction of the Committee of Directors, who shall be accountable for their fidelity and may Displace them and appoint others as often as they shall think fit which Committee shall also have the Disposal of Monies subscribed and Paid to the Treasurer or Clerk to and for the use and service of the said Library, they shall have the choosing of Books for the Library, the Hiring a House or Place for the Service of the Library, the Furnishing the same with Papers, Shelves and other things Necessary and fit for Binding of Books and appointing Securities for the Return of the Books to the Library and the Prices of the Loans, the Printing and Dispensing of Catalogues the admission of new Subscribers under the Limitations and Conditions here by established the settling, accounts with the Companys Treasurers and Clerk with if Payment



of House Rent, Servants & Officers Wages and all other Incident Charges belonging to the Company in Partnership as Aforesaid. Moreover the Committee of Directors are hereby invested with a Discretionary Power to make suitable Returns (in Behalf of the Company) unto such Benefactors as shall Honour them by Donations or otherwise.

XXII That for the more Orderly Execution of the Duty and Trust belonging to the said Directors, the Committee of Directors are hereby required to meet once a month at the Place where the Library shall be kept or some other fit Place in the said City of Philadelphia, to confer and Conclude concerning their Matters hereby committed to them, in every of which meetings of Directors Aforesaid, four of their Number met shall be a Committee or Quorum, capable to consult confer & Conclude of and upon all matters appertaining to Committees of Directors according to these Constitutions, and whatsoever Three of their Number so met shall Conclude, shall be deemed and taken for and as the resolution of the Committee of Directors for the time being.

XXIII That this Present Instrument shall be deposited in the Library for the Inspection and Perusal of all Persons therein concerned who shall also have recourse to the Journal of the Directors, the Minutes and Entries of their Clerk with the Treasurers Accounts and all other Books and Papers belonging to the Company, and may if they Directors think fit, take Copies thereof.

XXIV. And it is hereby finally concluded and agreed by and between all the Subscribers in Company Aforesaid, each one for himself, his Heirs, Executors and Administrators respectively, that if any Committee of Directors hereafter to be elected as aforesaid, shall think it needful to apply to the Legislature for the better Establishment of the Library, and Company Aforesaid, and the Order and Government of the same, or to Increase the Number of the Company beyond the Limitations aforesaid, or to enlarge the time Term of their Partnership, or to dissolve the same, and make Sale & dispose of or divide their Library Effects, or to make any other alteration in this Present Constitution the in any such case, or in any other Case of great Concernment to the Company, the Clerk by the Committee's Direction notifying the Occasion, shall Publish an advertisement for the Purpose in the newspapers before Directed for the Annual Meetings, to the End that all Persons concerned may meet if they think fit, and assist the Committee with their Advice, and whatsoever appears to the Committee to be concluded upon as the General sense of the Meeting, they shall cause to be minuted & entered by their Clerk, and whatsoever shall be so concluded and entered as aforesaid, and Reported by the Committee, shall be conclusive Binding to all Persons therein concerned, so as Seven Eighths of their Number met in Person or by Proxy duly constituted come to some Conclusion or Agreement, to be Minuted as aforesaid.

XXV. And to Prevent unnecessary Debates during the Continuance of of this Partnership, it is agreed that whenever the Committee of Directors shall find it Necessary to increase their own Number, that they shall be elected annually by the subscribers hereunto according to the form herein Express'd in the XV. Article, and further we do hereby Agree that the Committee

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Directions For the Clerk of the *very valuable original manuscript* Amicable Library Company.

- I He is required to attend at the Library Room every seventh day evening, from the Hours of Six until Eight, from the First of the Month called October, to the first of the Month called March, and from the Hours of Seven until Nine, from the first of the Month called March, to the First of the Month called October at which Hours and no time else he shall be obliged to let out and receive Books agreeable to the under written directions. Viz.
- II He shall let to any Person not a Member, any of the Books of the Library that are not applied for by any member upon his giving his Note, Payable to the Clerk, with a Penalty of Double the Value of the Books, or Set of Books, if more than one Volume, to Return the Book or Books undamaged, if in Folio or Quarto in Six Weeks, with Eight Pence per Week for each Book, if in Octavo, in four Weeks with Six Pence per Week for each Book, if in Duodecimo in three Weeks, with four Pence per Week for each Book as Here.
- III He is directed not to Renew a Note for any Person not a Member, after any Member hath applied for the same Book.
- IV He shall lend any Member one volume of the Books at a time for the time above mentioned.
- V He shall let any Member have more than one Volume at a time, provided the Volumes are so connected together as to be otherwise unserviceable.
- VI He shall take Notes for all Books let out to Members, of Double the Value of said Book or Books, Payable if Forfeited to the Clerk to Return the said Book or Books undamaged in the times before mentioned, and if any Member shall borrow a Book or Books, and not return them at their proper times, the Clerk is required to take of him four Pence per Week for each Volume he shall keep beyond its time.
- VII He is directed not to renew a Note for any Member (nor other Person) after a Member hath applied for the same Book.

And the Directors do agree for themselves, that they will meet at y^e Library Room at the Hour above mentioned, on the second second day in every month, then and there to receive applications for new Members & admitting them, and to consult the good of the Company, at which times and Place the Clerk is required to attend.

Journal for the year
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to do Business shall increase in Proportion to the Number of Directors according
to the tenor of the **XXII** Article. In Witness whereof we the said Partners in
Company have in manner aforesaid have subscribed our Names & Affixed our
Seals unto these Presents.

x. J. H. Pearson

William Paynter Forfeited May 10th 1762

Benjamin Hough sold
~~to James Hough~~

Joacab Cathrall

John Elton

J. Cummings

Isaac Bartram

~~Isaac Bartram~~ sold to Benjamin Hough

Richard Humphreys

~~Isaac Bartram~~ Forfeited May 2nd 1763

~~Isaac Bartram~~
sold to James Hough

Sam. Hough } sign first to J. H. Pearson
by him & signed under
Seal of Breckinridge

x Thomas Gregory

William Scott Jun^r 4th 23rd 1762

~~John Hough~~

William Pearson

James Pearson

William Howell

Benjamin Paschall

William Govett

James Hough sold to James Hough

Isaac Hopkins

~~Isaac Hopkins~~

Charles Knight

Thomas Say Jun^r

Uriah Woolman

~~William Bartram~~ sold to James Hough

Joseph Trotter Jun^r

William Lannes

Joseph Rudolph

William Coats

~~Isaac Bartram~~ sold to James Carter & then
sold to Frederic Haider

James Cooper

Isaac Milnor

Thos. Pryor

~~Isaac Bartram~~ sold to Aquila Jones

William Dunlap

Wm. Bickley

Job Pearson

Joseph Warner

Isaac Howell

x Lawrence Rice

Richard Walcott

John Baldwin Jun^r

Joseph Govett

William Sinkin

James Harley

Joseph Lancaster

Thomas Wishart

David Hinsey junr

John Larmann junr

Saml Hampton

~~Henry Duntz~~

Joshua ~~Johnson~~ sold to N. Fairbank

W. Willborn given to Amos Tucker

Rich^d. Armit

Maey Beakes

Moses Bartram

David Brooks junior

Henry Pugh

James Dundas

Thomas Dundas

Anth^y Shoemaker

James Carter sold to Thos. Taylor

Samuel Smith

Sam^l D. Barber

Fred^l Haile

Nichols Fairbank

Matthias Phelps

George Keehmle

Robert Elton

W. R. Hollinshead

Joseph Bolton

John Hargatroyd

Rich^d Mendenhall

Whereas by letters patent under the Great Seal of
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Library Comp^y of Philad^a incorporating them into
one body Politic — Therefore the Directors of the said
Comp^y for & in consideration of the sum of Seven Pounds
in Cash & Books, paid into the hands of J^a. Whitehall's-
the said Comp^y Treasurer by Richard Waln
As p^r Receipt hereto appears, do Grant unto him
the said Richard Waln his heirs & assigns to —
hold possess & enjoy for ever one equal Share of the
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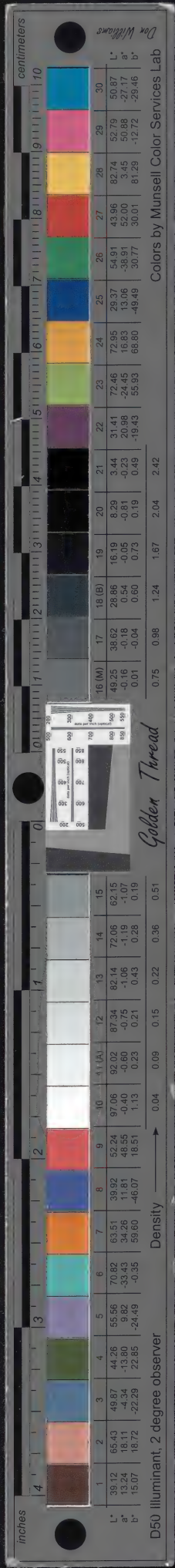
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Chas: Biddle Sec^y



Recd of Richard Waln the ^{Sum of} Five Pounds & Books Lodge
in the Library value five Pounds Being his consideration
Money & Effects for A Share in the Union Library Company
of Philadelphia in Their Books & Effects Pursuant to the Writ
Certificate recd this 8th Day of December 1765

James Whitcall Treas^r



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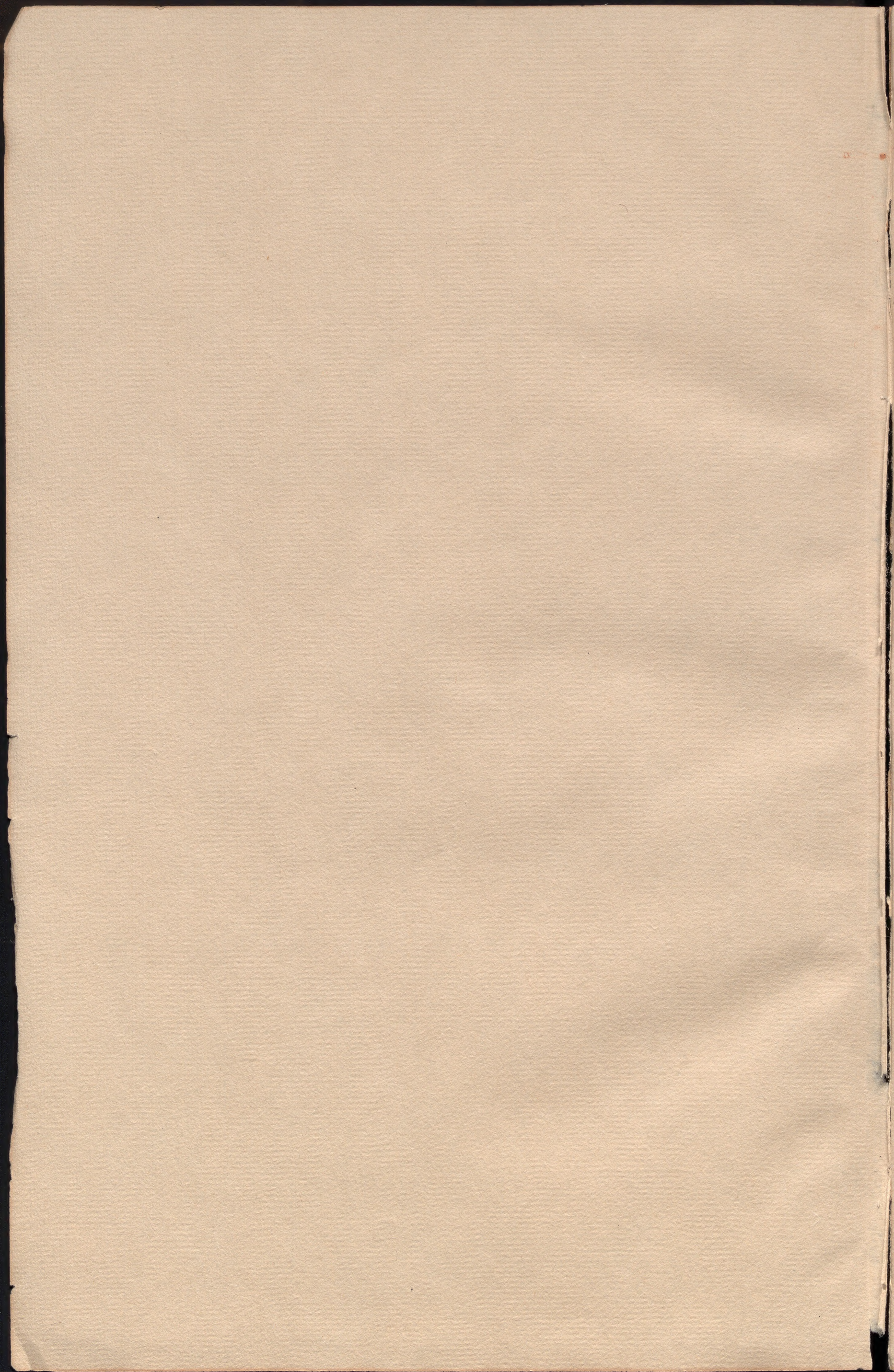
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L*	49.25	38.62	28.86	16.19	8.29	3.44	31.41	72.46	72.95	29.37	54.91	43.96	82.74	52.79	50.87
a*	-0.16	-0.18	0.54	-0.05	-0.81	-0.23	20.98	-24.45	16.63	13.06	-38.91	52.00	3.45	50.88	27.17
b*	0.01	-0.04	0.60	0.73	0.19	0.49	-19.43	55.93	68.80	-49.49	30.77	30.01	81.29	-12.72	-29.46

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